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This could be it, folks! Our favorite cutie-pie tough teen bounty hunter could be hanging up her guns after this tightly packed volume 5 of *Gunsmith Cats: Burst*! And when we say tightly packed, we mean the return of all the characters who were missing in volume 4, including Bean Bandit and Minnie-May! Story lines will converge and wrap up! Girls might actually make out! It's a crash-boom-bam race to the finish, and who knows how it will all wash out. Join us as we wrap up this fantastic last volume of *Gunsmith Cats: Burst* in frantic fashion.

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GUNSMITH CATS

MAY RALLY VINCENT & MINNIE 5

RALLY VINCENT AND MINNIE-MAY

GUNSMITH CATS

BURST

Rally and Minnie-May are two teen girls running a weapons shop in Chicago . . . but they have a side business as bounty hunters! Though their main task is to hunt down runaway criminals with bounties on their heads, they somehow always end up undertaking risky jobs and getting themselves into major messes!

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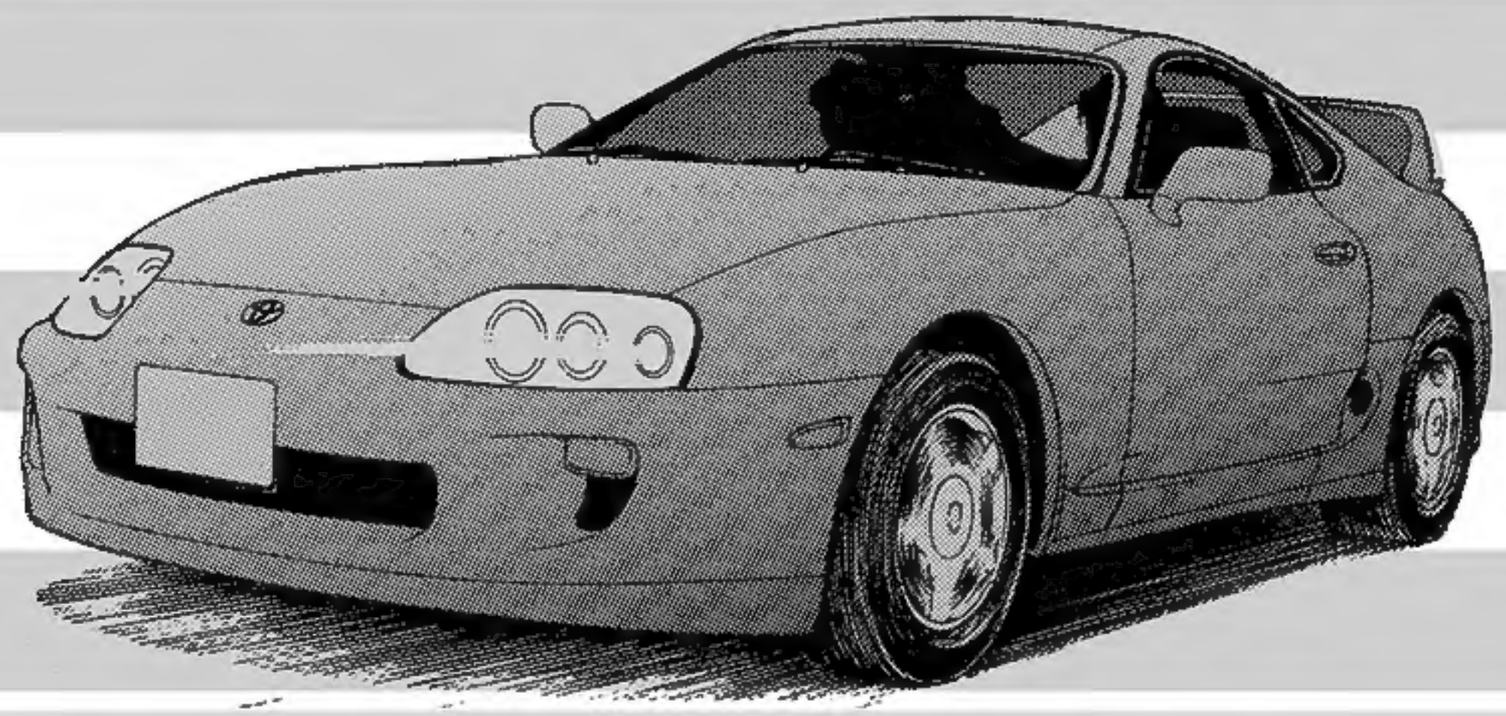

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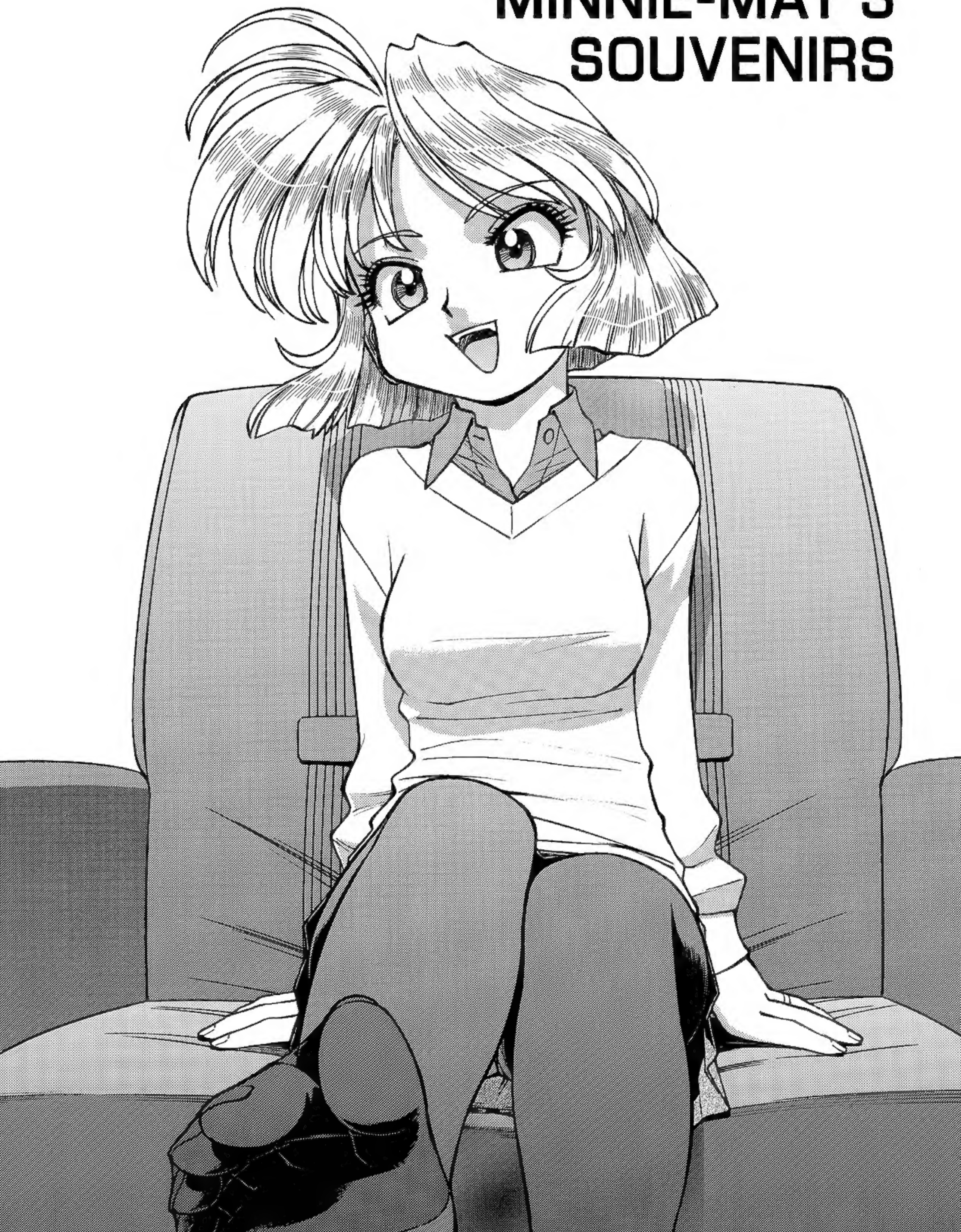

UH, HUH.

SO YOU WON'T EVEN MEET WITH ME?

...I SEE.

IF DENNIS IS THERE, CAN YOU PUT HIM--

B P

WELL, WILL YOU AT LEAST CALL AGAIN?

I UNDER-STAND. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

SNAP

SKREE

ZA

Gunsmith Cats

MAKE WAY FOR MAY, MARRIED WOMAN!

WE'RE JUST BACK FROM OUR HONEYMOON IN JAPAN, LAND OF THE *OTAKU!*

AND I'VE BROUGHT *GIFTS!*

...
...

WEL-COME BACK.

SHE'S... CUR-RENTLY OUT.

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, AFTER YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR TRIP.

SMITH CAT

PHEW!

YOU CALL THAT A WELCOME?

I EVEN GOT SOMETHING FOR BECKY AND MISTY.

WHERE *IS* MISTY, ANY-WAY?

TIGER

DO YOU HAVE ANY RESERVA-TIONS ON SCHEDULE?

NOT FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.

カラン KARAN

CLOSED

Gunsmith Cats

OKAY!

THEN YOU'RE CLOSING EARLY TODAY.

JUST LOOK AT *THIS,* RALLY.

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PYON

THIS IS THE HEIGHT OF FASHION IN TOKYO'S AKIBA, THE MECCA OF *OTAKU.*

NO, NO. THE PANTILESS MAIDEN!

NOT LIKE THERE'S MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE!

IT'S THE COSTUME FOR THE PANTILESS MAID AT THE SCHOOL OF LOVE. ♡

I'M THE ONE WHO PAID FOR THE ANIMAL SUIT AND THE SCHOOL UNI-FORM!

THE DIFFERENCE IS *IMPOR-TANT!* I SPENT OVER A *THOU-SAND DOLLARS* ON THIS STUFF!

AND SCHOOL UNIFORM ?!

ANIMAL SUIT...?

KEN!

SWISH

COME GIVE ME A HAND.

OH, COME ON!

IT'S SOOO CUTE! HOLD ON AND I'LL CHANGE.

YOU JUST WANNA SHOW OFF THE CLOTHES YOU BOUGHT!

THE SCHOOL UNI-FORM!

ACTORS NEVER GET CHANGED IN FRONT OF THE AUDIENCE.

JUST SIT TIGHT FOR A SEC.

OKAY!

WHAT'S WITH THE SCREEN?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU BOUGHT THEM SO I'D WEAR THEM.

SWISH

SHE'S AT THAT AGE. HUMOR HER.

I'M NOT YOUR AUDIENCE. YOU JUST WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR STUFF!

AHEM! EXCUSE ME.

DON'T USE THE SCREEN AS AN EXCUSE TO MAKE OUT.

IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR INTRO-DUCING ME IN THE FIRST PLACE!

YEAH, BUT WHO GOT HOOKED ONCE SHE STARTED WEARING THEM?

JUST A LITTLE--

MMM...

MMM...

IS THIS TIGHT ENOUGH?

HOW WERE THE STARES WHEN YOU WERE WALKING AROUND?

I'M SURE YOU'VE ALREADY PLAYED IN THESE OUTFITS IN JAPAN.

HEE HEE HEE. ***BUSTED.***

BUT WE WERE ONLY HOLDING HANDS.

MAY! STOP IT!

UM...WE GOT QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE SIX TIMES, AND DRAGGED TO THE STATION--

HERE IT COMES!

SO LET'S JUST GET ON WITH IT.

WHATEVER. WE'VE GOT A LOT TO TALK ABOUT...

A SAILOR SUIT?

...?!

TA DA!

THE FAMOUS SUMMER UNIFORM FOR "LUCKY STRIKE ACADEMY"!

JEEZ, RALLY! DON'T YOU KNOW *ANY-THING* ABOUT JAPAN?

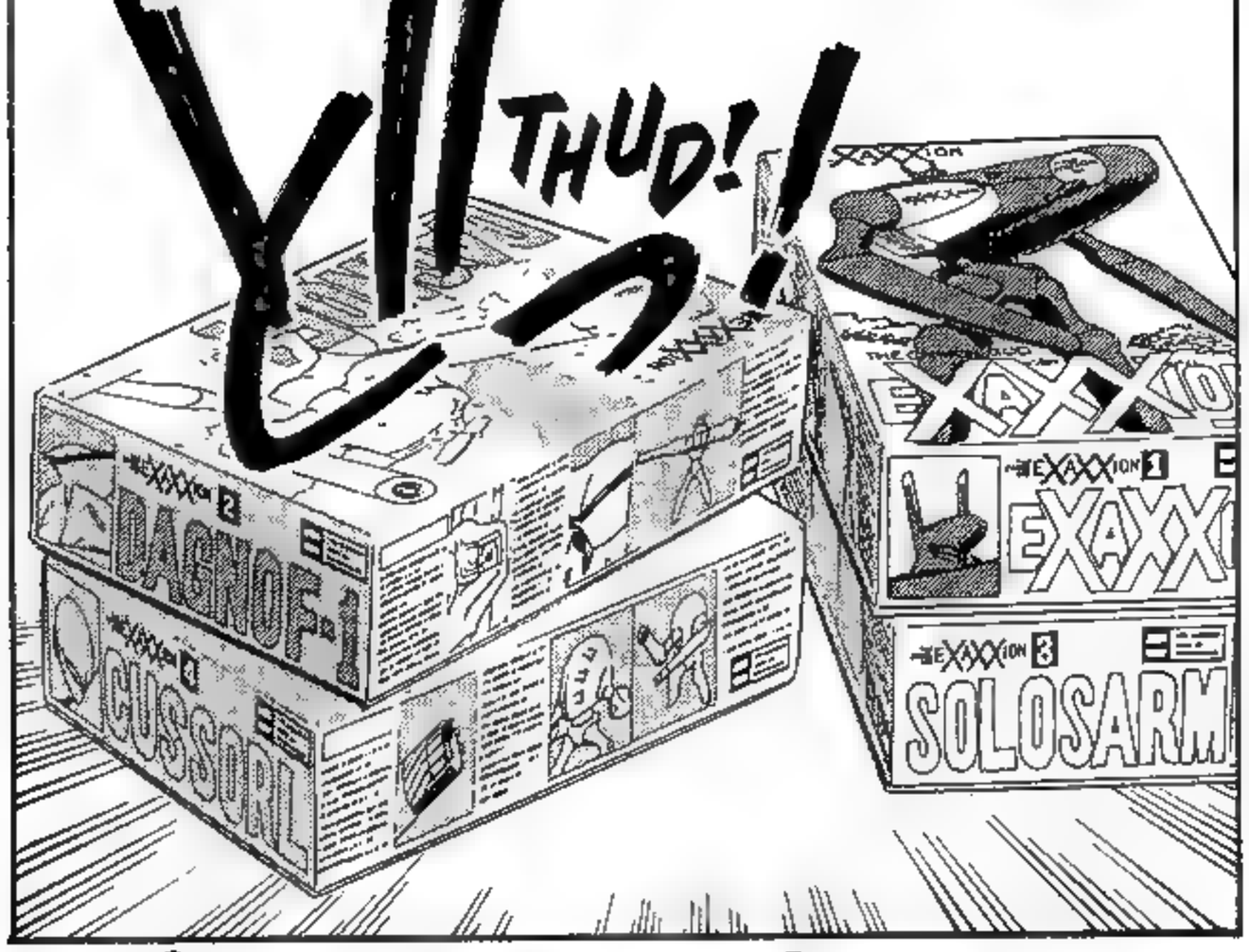
HOW DENSE CAN YOU GET?

UH... WHY?

THIS IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SCHOOL UNIFORM! BOYS WEAR A STIFF COLLAR AND GIRLS WEAR SAILOR UNIFORMS!

'CAUSE.

UMMM...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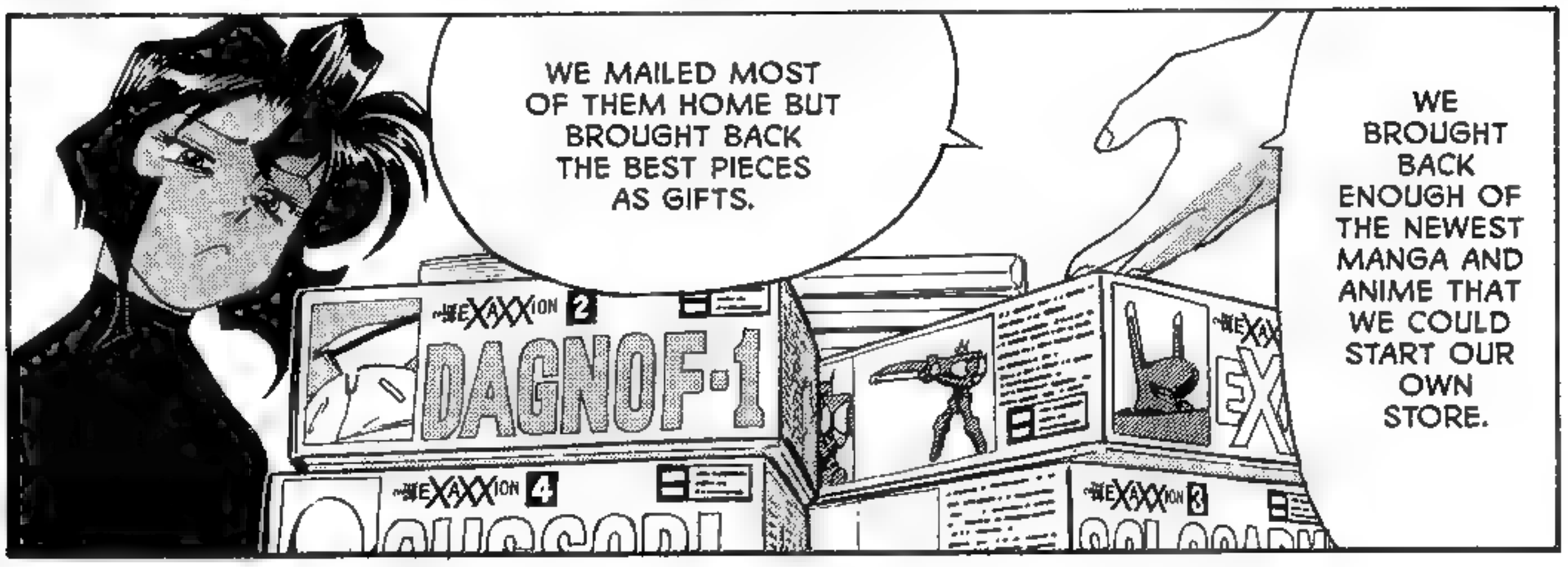
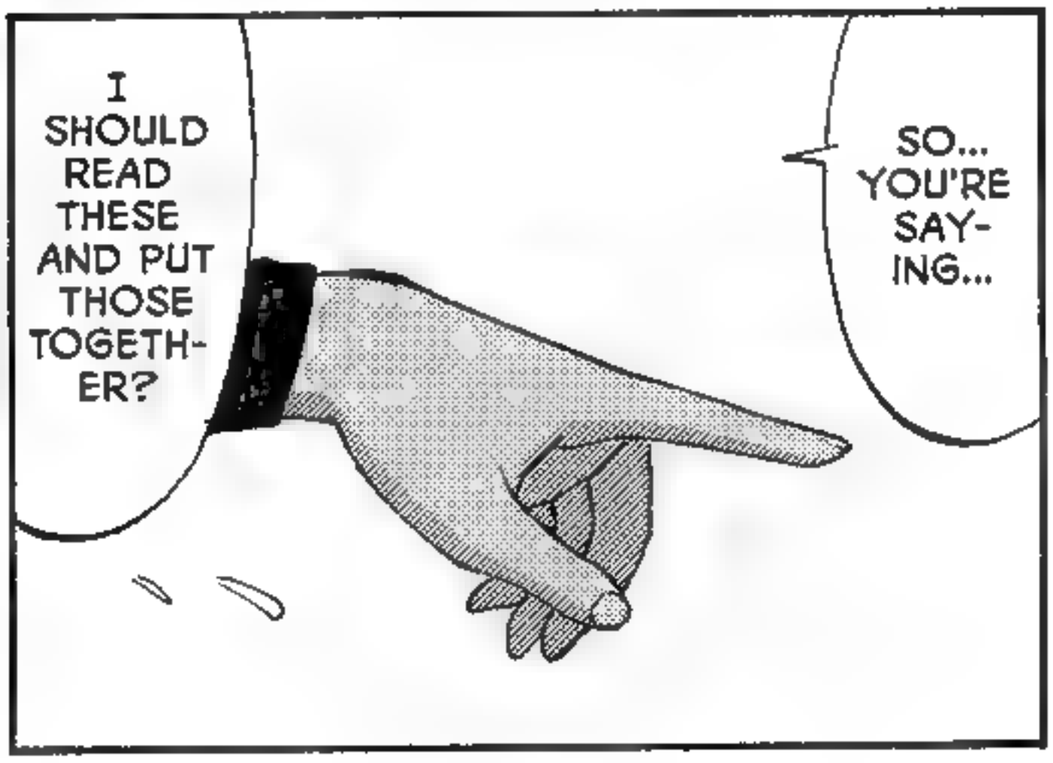
EXAXION 2
DAGNOF-1
EXAXION 4
GUSSORL
EXAXION 1
EXAXX
EXAXION 3
SOLOSARM

NOW NOW.
THERE'S MORE THAN JUST A SHOW. TIME TO ENJOY THE GIFTS WE BROUGHT BACK!
FLAP
TIGER

FWOP
FWOP


WE MAILED MOST OF THEM HOME BUT BROUGHT BACK THE BEST PIECES AS GIFTS.
WE BROUGHT BACK ENOUGH OF THE NEWEST MANGA AND ANIME THAT WE COULD START OUR OWN STORE.
EXAXION 2
DAGNOF-1
EXAXION 4
EXAXION 3

SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE LIKES THESE TYPES OF THINGS.
THAT WOULD BE GREAT, BUT THEY'RE REALLY FOR MISTY.


I SHOULD READ THESE AND PUT THOSE TOGETH-ER?
SO... YOU'RE SAY-ING...

MISTY'S AT HER PLACE AND WON'T COME BACK.

GOLDIE'S ALIVE...

SHE CAUGHT US BOTH...

...BUT ONLY I MADE IT BACK.

IRON GOLDIE ?!

HUH ...?

IT WAS MISTY HERSELF WHO SAID SHE WASN'T COMING BACK. I DIDN'T WANT TO BUG YOU DURING YOUR HONEY-MOON.

WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME? I WOULD HAVE COME HOME RIGHT AWAY!

WHAT ?!

HE SAID MISTY CAME TO SEE HIM.

I GOT A CALL FROM ROY THIS MORNING.

YOU KNOW THAT'S WHAT SHE WAS *TOLD* TO SAY!

GO

SHE TOLD HIM THAT SHE'D BEEN NOTHING BUT A BURDEN AND COULDN'T BRING HERSELF TO SEE ME.

ICE HEA

SHE MADE THE DECISION HERSELF NOT TO RETURN TO GUNSMITH CATS. SHE HAD MISTAKEN GOLDIE.

"PLEASE DON'T WORRY."

SHE SAID... "I'D RATHER NOT SEE YOU RIGHT NOW.

THEN SHE CALLED HERE JUST BEFORE YOU ARRIVED.

Gunsmith Cats

IT'S AS DIFFICULT TO BREAK AS IT IS TO MAKE AN IDEOLOGUE CONVERT.

GOOD BRAIN-WASHING IS JUST LIKE POWER-FUL PERSUA-SION.

IT HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF GOLDIE'S BRAIN-WASHING.

ONCE MY EAR-DRUM...

IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN JUST GETTING HER BACK PHYSI-CALLY.

SHOO

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...AND ARM HEAL FROM THE EVENTS OF THAT DAY, I PLAN TO MEET WITH GOLDIE...

OF COURSE!

TELL ME EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED.

...AND NEGO-TIATE FOR MISTY'S RETURN.

I'LL NEED YOUR HELP THEN.

CHAPTER 39 / END

CHAPTER 40
REHABILITATION

KYU

SNAP

THROB

EEK!

KLAK

FLOCCHI

Gunsmith Cats

SHOOTING RANGE

キャーSHOOO...

...I CAN'T EVEN CHANGE A MAGAZINE YET.

FORGET ABOUT SHOOTING...

OWWW!

...BUT I'LL HAVE TO GET BY WITHOUT CHANGING MAGAZINES FOR A WHILE.

I THOUGHT I'D GOTTEN BACK ABOUT SEVENTY PERCENT OF MY GRIP...

I'LL TAKE OFF THIS MAGAZINE HOLDER AND REPLACE IT WITH A BACKUP IN A HOLSTER.

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

...UNTIL MY HAND'S BETTER...

OR MAYBE I SHOULD JUST TAKE A BREAK FROM BOUNTY HUNTING FOR NOW.

I COULD HAVE HER WATCH THE SHOP WHILE I GO OUT ON MY OWN...

I CAN'T EXPECT HER TO RUN AROUND WITH ME WHEN SHE'S STILL ENJOYING HER NEW MARRIAGE.

TAK

...AND MINNIE-MAY...

...MISTY ISN'T HERE...

I'M PRETTY BUSY WITH THE SHOP...

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WOOSH!

BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG

MAN TARGET

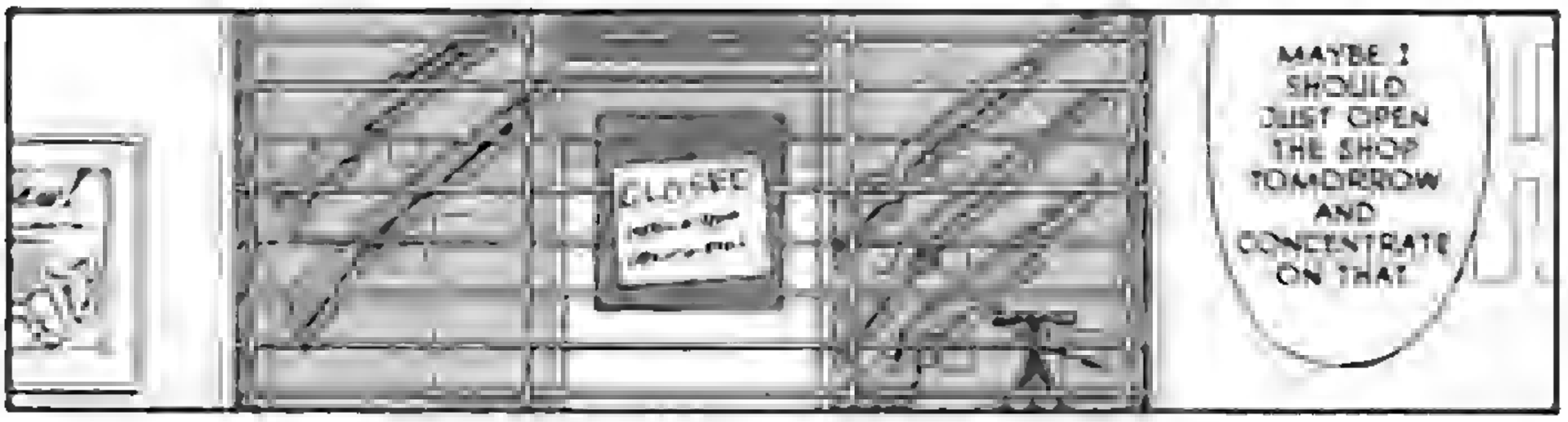
T-T...AAANG

...DOES MY RIGHT HAND HURT WHEN I SHOOT WITH MY LEFT?

TINGLE TINGLE TINGLE!

WHY...

NNG!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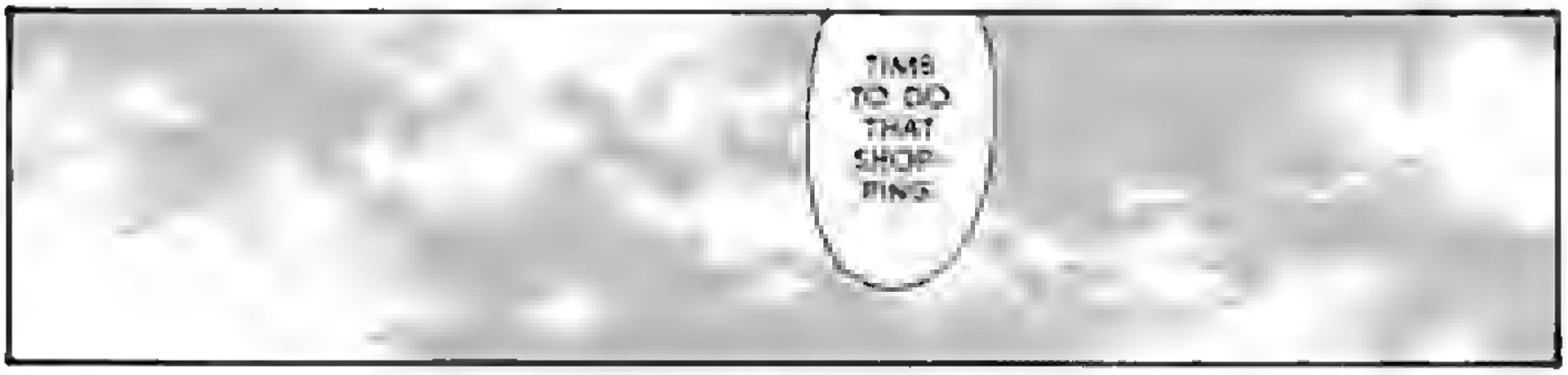
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST OPEN THE SHOP TOMORROW AND CONCENTRATE ON THAT


TIME TO DO THAT SHOP-PING

MUM

OOOH!

OOO...

PERK

MAY...

HMMG?

TEE HEE HEE! YOUR MORNING WOOD WAS CALLING OUT TO ME.

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU WERE THE ONE WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT TRYING TO DO THINGS WITHOUT WAKING THE OTHER UP.

M--

MMM.

SHARE A MORNING KISS?

NOW THAT I'M UP, YOU WANNA--

BREEP♪

THAT'S HOW YOU TASTE!

...

HM?

NALK

...I'M OUT ON THE TOWN DOING SOME SHOPPING.

IS KEN THERE, TOO? I HATE TO BOTHER YOU NEWLYWED LOVEBIRDS, BUT...

HEY...

MAY?

SHAAA

...I'D RATHER SPEND THE DAY ON A HOT DATE WITH KEN.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY NEW INFORMA-TION ABOUT MISTY...

SHAAA

...BUT DO YOU WANNA GET SOME-THING TO EAT?

I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO TALK ABOUT...

BUT DON'T WORRY.

THANKS.

...RIGHT AS AL-WAYS.

I CAN HEAR PRETTY WELL OUT OF MY LEFT EAR NOW.

FLUP

WHY DON'T I MAKE YOU AN APPOINT-MENT WITH GRAMMA HAO'S ACUPUNC-TURIST?

I BET YOU HURT YOUR-SELF AGAIN TRYING TO SHOOT TOO EARLY, RIGHT?

OTHER-WISE JUST E-MAIL ME.

GIVE ME A CALL WHEN YOU HEAR SOME-THING NEW ABOUT MISTY.

HUMOLOR

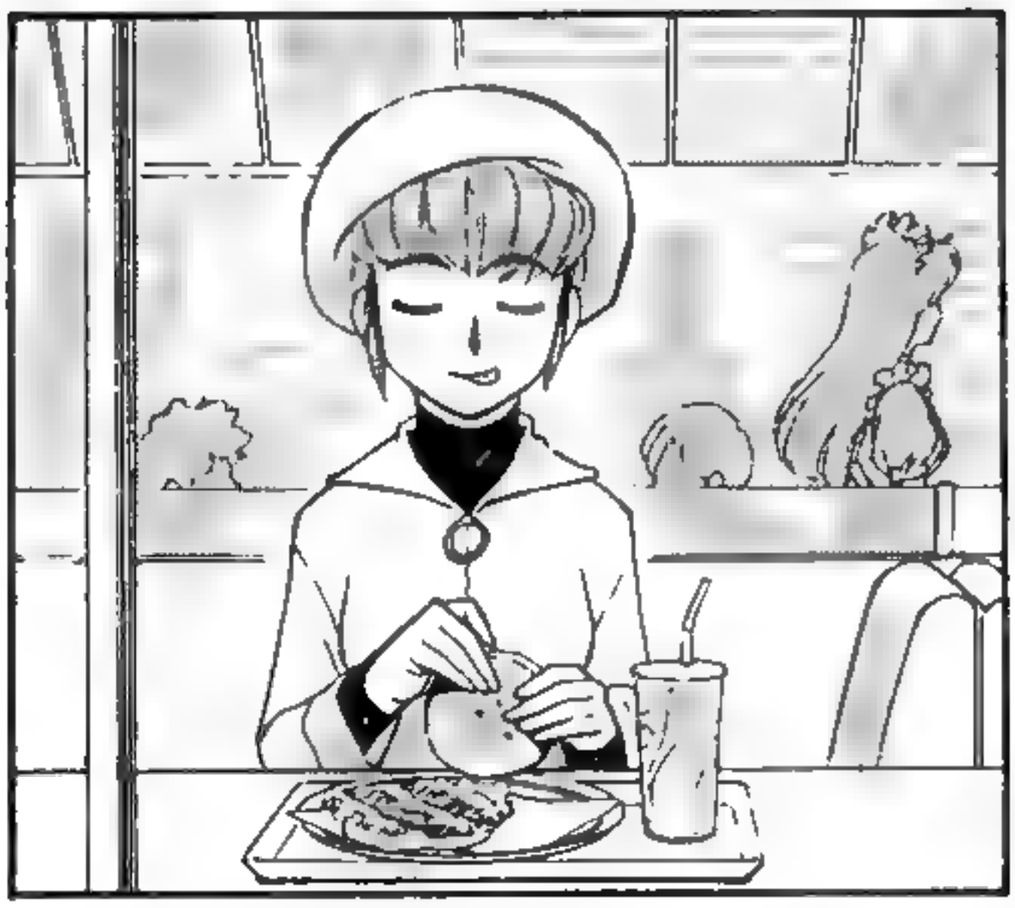
FINE F D

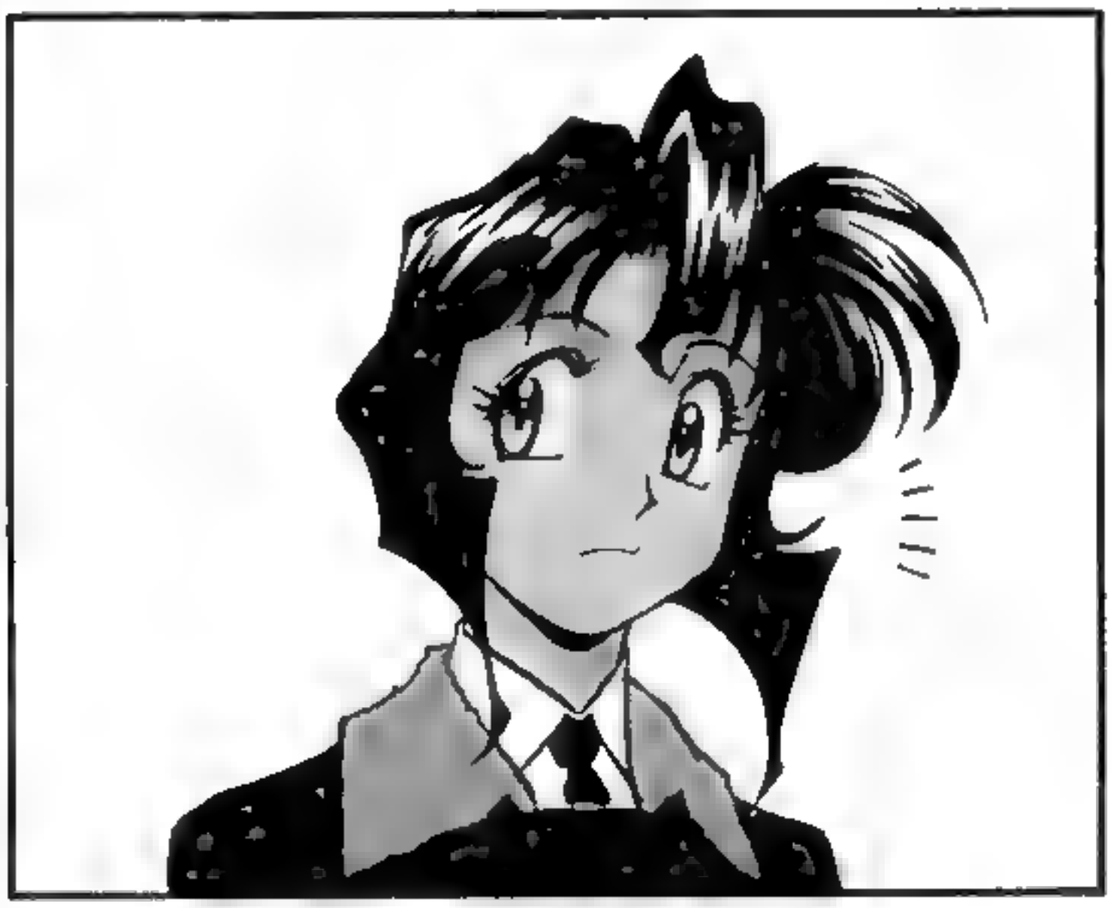
SIGH

BIP

I'M GETTING INTO THE BATH NOW. BYE!

BIP





HUMMER

FINE FOOD

M... MISTY !?

WAS THAT RALLY?

HHH SHAAT T...

IT'S TIME TO *PLAY*, AND I INTEND TO *ENJOY IT!*

NO WAY!

I'M COOL. WHY DON'T YOU BE A FRIEND AND LISTEN TO WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY?

Please Don't Disturb.

SHAA---HH P Poo.

NO WOR-RIES!

IT WASN'T ANY-THING IMPOR-TANT.

HEY!

SPLSH SPLSH

WE'VE BEEN HERE TOGETHER, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER RUN INTO YOU HERE.

I DID TELL YOU ABOUT THIS PLACE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

MISS GOLDIE SAID I SHOULDN'T MEET WITH YOU IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO.

...WHY DIDN'T YOU DROP BY?

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ALLOWED OUT ON YOUR OWN...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS SO SCARED OF HER BEFORE.

YEP!

"MISS"... GOLDIE?

IS SHE TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOU?

THAT'S BECAUSE RESPECTABLE PEOPLE LIKE MISS GOLDIE WEREN'T EXERTING CONTROL.

YOU KNOW HOW THE CHICAGO GANGS WERE SO WILD WHEN MISS GOLDIE HAD AMNESIA?

SHE'S A LITTLE SCARY, BUT COMPARED TO THE OTHERS, THE UNDERWORLD IS BEING REORGANIZED WITH AS LITTLE LOSS OF LIFE AS POSSIBLE.

NOW MISS GOLDIE HAS HER POWER BACK AND IS TAKING BACK CONTROL.

I EVEN MADE A FRIEND.

I CAME TO THESE CONCLU-SIONS MYSELF.

RALLY... IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN ***BRAIN-WASHED.***

IT'S MY TRUE WISH TO STAY WITH MISS GOLDIE AS LONG AS SHE DESIRES.

DO YOU MEAN WHAT YOU'RE SAY-ING?

CHAPTER 40 / END

CHAPTER 41
BECKY FARRAH

IT'S TRUE MY GUYS HAVE NEW SUPPLIERS, BUT THERE'S NO WAY A LOWLY DEALER LIKE ME WOULD KNOW WHERE THE BROKERS ARE GETTIN' THEIR STUFF.

THE GOLDIE FAMILY OF THE ITALIAN MAFIA?

YOU SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS THAN ME. TELL *ME* SOME-THING.

FAR-RAH.

LOOKS LIKE HE GOT CAUGHT UP IN A BATTLE OVER DRUGS.

MYERS DIED LAST WEEK.

BESIDES, ROAD-BUSTER GOT OUT OF THE DRUG TRADE YEARS AGO.

YOU MAY KNOW ROADBUSTER, BUT THERE'S NO ***WAY*** WE'D TELL YOU WHO OUR SUPPLIERS ARE.

FAR-RAH.

YOU ASKED TO MEET MY BROKER.

...FOR TWICE THE PRICE.

AND I'M HAPPY TO DO SO...

BESIDES, THERE'S NO ONE IN THE INDUSTRY WHO DOESN'T KNOW HIS OFFICE.

HE'S THE TYPE WHO FEELS IMPORTANT BY USING HIGH-PRICED CALL GIRLS.

OF COURSE, BECKY.

YOUR LIST OF "DANGEROUS CUSTOMERS" HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP TO MY GIRLS.

I'M SURE HE KEEPS HIS CASH AND DRUG TRANSPORTERS SOMEWHERE ELSE, THOUGH.

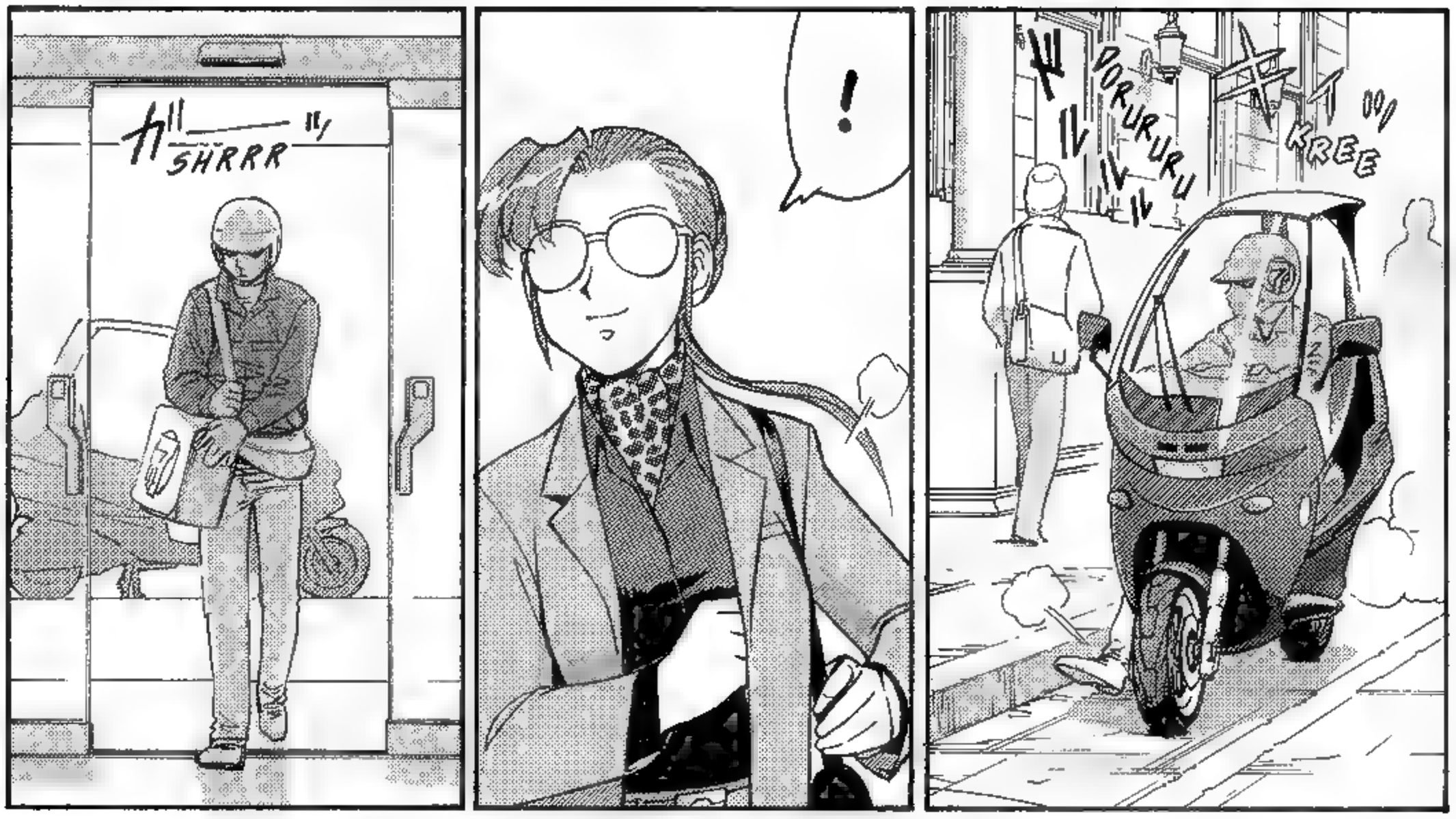
THIS IS HIS OFFICE AND PHONE NUMBER.

...ABOUT ONCE EVERY TWELVE MINUTES.

...THERE SHOULD BE SOME TYPE OF DELIV-ERY...

...AT THIS TIME OF DAY AND THIS TYPE OF BUILDING...

ACCORD-ING TO MY DATA...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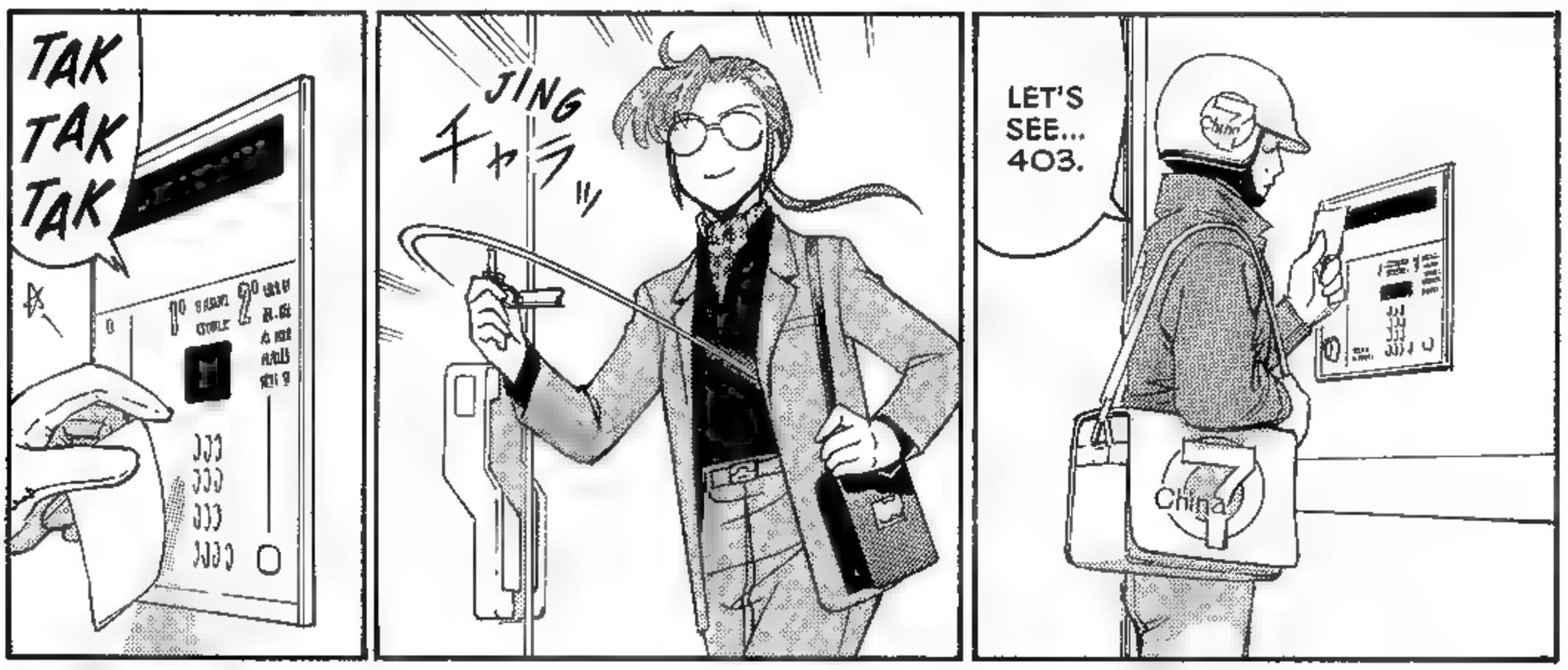
DORURURU
KREE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TAK
TAK
JING
LET'S SEE... 403.
China

CHIK
BZZT!
YES?
403.
EXCUSE ME, BUT I'M IN A HURRY.
China

SHHK

CHK

OH YEAH. COME ON UP.

THIS IS CHINA 7. I HAVE YOUR ORDER.

IF YOU TIME THE KEY TO A RESIDENT OPENING THE DOOR...

PAR-DON ME.

UH... OK.

SOME-TIMES I'M SO SMART I EVEN AMAZE MYSELF.

...NO-BODY'LL NOTICE IF IT DOESN'T MATCH OR TURN.

IF THERE'S NO LOOK-OUT IN THE HALL-WAY...

...THE BROKER MUST NOT SEE THIS AS A VERY IMPOR-TANT BASE.

HMM.

DING♪

I'LL JUST STICK ON THIS SHEET BUG...

ALL THE BETTER FOR ME. I MAY GET PICKED UP BY THE SECURITY CAMERA, BUT IF I DON'T MAKE A SCENE, THEY WON'T NOTICE ME.

THAT SMELLS LIKE BLOOD!

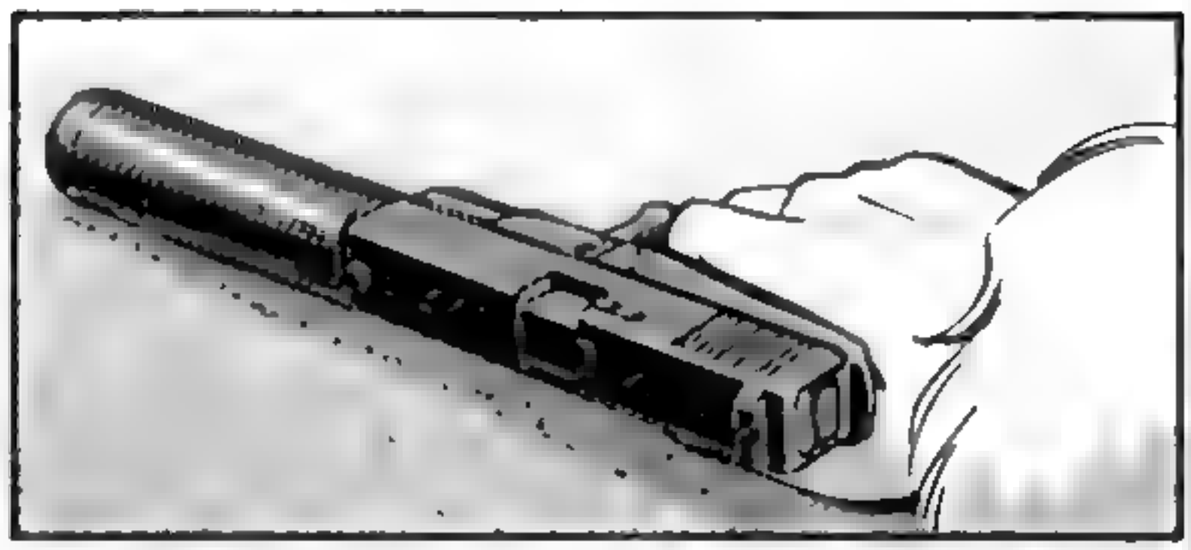
KREEE...

C

IT'S OPEN.

...AND LEAVE A TRANS-MITTER ON THE FLOOR.

TAK



I WONDER IF SOMEONE HEARD THE SHOTS AND CALLED THE POLICE.
DAMN!

THIS ONE HAD A GUN WITH A SILENC-ER...

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY SHOT EACH OTHER.

NO TIME FOR THAT NOW.

...GOLD-IE'S MIND CON-TROL HAD SOME-THING...

I'LL BET...

...SO HE PROBABLY PLANNED THE KILLING AND THEN GOT SHOT HIMSELF.

...I'LL END UP BEING A SUS-PECT.

IF I DON'T CALL THE POLICE...

POLICE

BECKY FARRAH!

HE

KCHAK

YOU CAN GO NOW.

WE'RE DONE QUES-TIONING YOU.

CONSIDER-ING THE SITUATION, YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY IT WASN'T WORSE.

WHAT "QUESTION-ING"? THAT FELT LIKE A FULL-BLOWN INVESTI-GATION!

YOU CAN THANK COLE-MAN.

YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING AROUND ASKING A LOT ABOUT DRUGS. DOES THIS HAVE ANY-THING TO DO WITH MISTY?

BECKY.

HA HA!

WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE LEARN-ED?

I'VE WANTED TO GET MY HANDS ON A SAMPLE.

YES.

YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING GOLDIE'S NEW DRUG?

IF YOU DO COME ACROSS SOME AND GET CAUGHT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.

I HAVE A FRIEND WHO'S REALLY GOOD AT ANALYZING DRUGS, AND EVEN THEY CAN'T GET AHOLD OF ANY.

NOT THE MARKET VERSION THAT'S TAKING OVER THE STREETS. THE SPECIAL ONE THAT CAN BE USED FOR BRAIN-WASHING.

WHAT?

OK. JUST PROMISE ME ONE THING.

I'M WELL AWARE OF THE RISKS.

YOU MUST ALREADY HAVE A LIST OF DEALERS AND BROKERS.

YOU'RE THE BEST THERE IS WHEN IT COMES TO GATHER-ING INFO.

NO WAY.

BEE BEEP

IT MIGHT EVEN HELP ME STRIKE A BLOW TO GOLDIE'S ORGANIZATION.

LET ME HAVE A COPY.

THE POLICE HAVE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SET OF PRIORITIES.

IT DOES ME NO GOOD IF GOLDIE IS ARRESTED BUT THERE'S NO CHANGE IN MISTY.

MY MAIN CONCERN IS DEPROGRAMMING MISTY'S BRAINWASHING.

GCHAK

KYURO

DORURURU

NO WORRIES.

SORRY, ROY.

AS LONG AS WE HELP MISTY...

...RALLY, MAY, AND I COULD REALLY CARE LESS IF YOU CATCH GOLDIE OR NOT.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF INFIGHTING THESE DAYS.

YOU GOT DRAGGED IN AS A WITNESS TO THAT NASTY INFIGHTING IN THE MALDONA FAMILY.

I HEARD, MISS FARRAH.

THEY'RE AN ACTUAL FAMILY BUSINESS.

BUT THE BAILEY'S WHO WE'RE GONNA SEE TONIGHT, ARE PRETTY STABLE.

THEY ONLY AGREED TO THIS BECAUSE YOU KNOW ROADBUSTER.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT INFERIOR GOODS, BUT IT'S SAID THAT THERE'S NO HIGH-CLASS DRUG THEY CAN'T MOVE.

YEAH, BUT DO THEY REALLY HAVE DEALINGS IN CHICAGO?

AND THEY REFUSE TO TAKE ON NEW CUSTOMERS IF THEY DON'T KNOW THEM.

HI!

I'M AL BAILEY.

SO YOU KNOW ROAD-BUSTER?

AND THIS IS BOB.

BACON. YOU FINALLY MADE IT.

YOU MUST BE MISS FARRAH.

SHE'S ALSO A FREE-LANCE JOURNAL-IST.

IT'S TRUE. SHE'S FRIENDS WITH THE MAN WHO BOASTS A HUNDRED PERCENT DELIVERY RATE.

CONFIS-CATIONS ARE UP IN THE INDUSTRY. HE'S THE TYPE OF PRO WE NEED.

WE'D BE GRATEFUL IF YOU'D INTRODUCE US.

OF COURSE HE DOESN'T TRANSPORT DRUGS NOW BECAUSE OF A PROMISE TO RALLY.

IT'S THE LEAST I COULD DO.

"DARK BALL"?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS TOLD.

UM...

BUT WE DON'T CARRY IT AND DON'T PLAN TO.

IT'S A NEW ONE PUT OUT BY THE ITALIAN MAFIA.

BUT THE WAY THEY'RE FORCING THEIR WAY ONTO THE MARKET IS MAKING WAVES WITH THE LARGE ORGANIZATIONS. WE'D RATHER NOT GET MIXED UP IN IT.

IT MAY BE POPU-LAR...

ACTUALLY, WE'RE GONNA START TAKING THEIR PRODUCT SOON.

WHAT?

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND HOW BAD THE BIG ORGANI-ZATIONS ARE JERKIN' US AROUND!

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THINGS YOUR WAY ANY MORE!

HEY! I'M THE ONE IN CHARGE OF BUYING!

GOLDIE'S TOLD ME THE WHOLE TRUTH!

WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?!

INCLUD-ING HOW YOU'RE PLANNING TO TAKE ME OUT!

BANG

CHAPTER 42

DRUG TRAFFICKING

...AND MAKE HIM KILL HIS BROTHER ?!

DID GOLDIE BRAIN-WASH HIM...

AWHAM

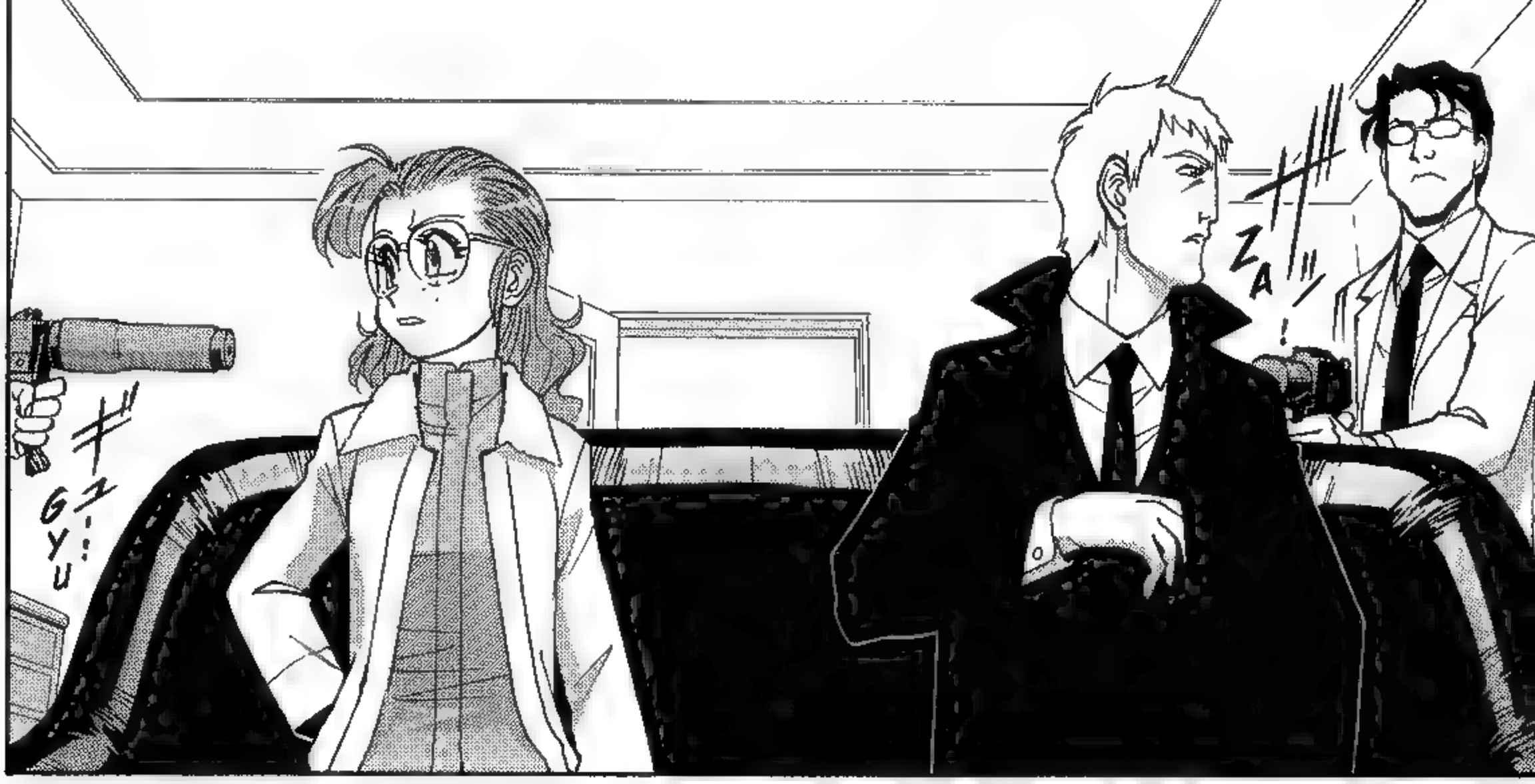
SLUMP

PLP

CHAK

DON'T MOVE!

KSHAK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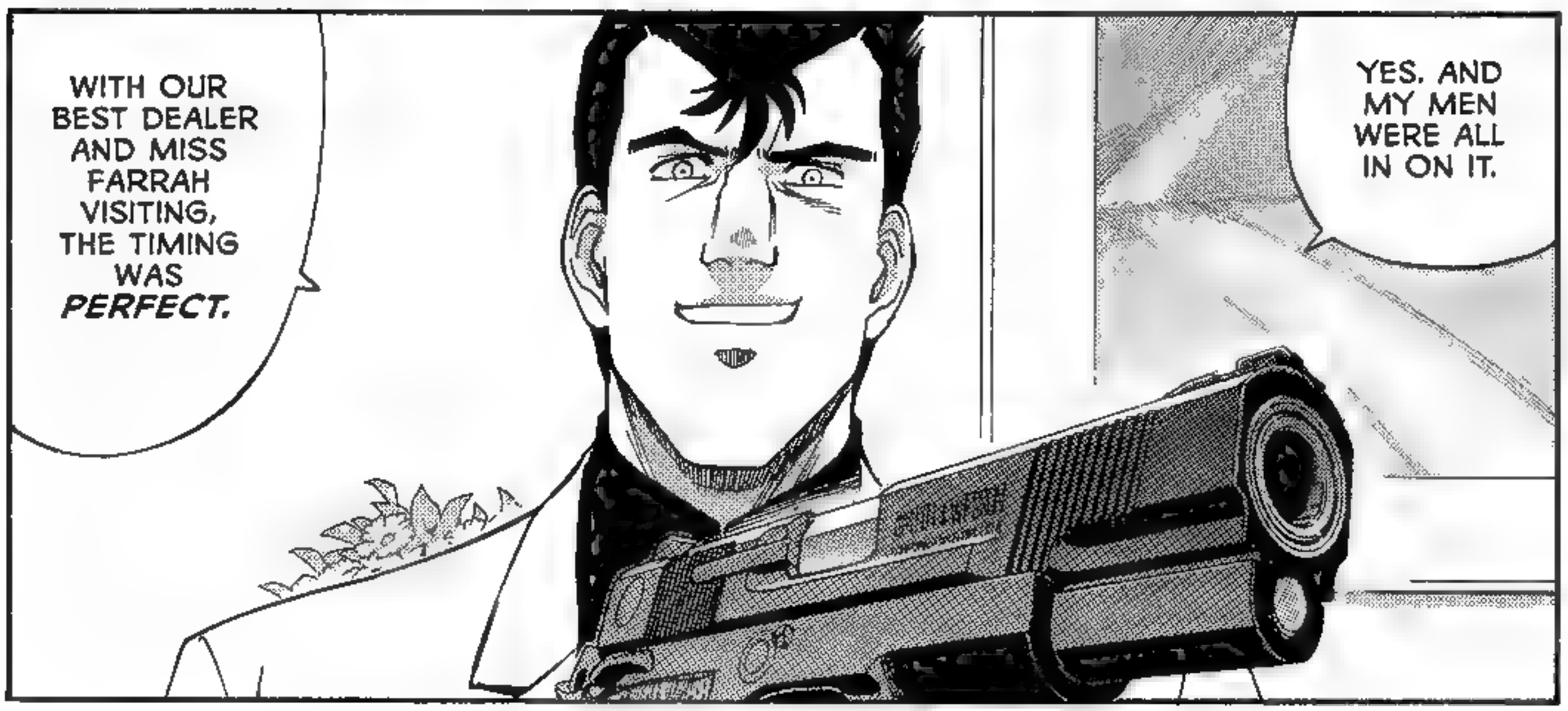
KI!!
GYU!!

YOU HAD THIS ALL PLANNED?

BACON. MISS FARRAH. SORRY TO STARTLE YOU.
YEAH. IT'S COOL.

YOU OKAY?
AL.


WITH OUR BEST DEALER AND MISS FARRAH VISITING, THE TIMING WAS *PERFECT.*
YES. AND MY MEN WERE ALL IN ON IT.

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, MISS FARRAH.

WAIT! SHOULDN'T WE GET OUT OF HERE? SOMEONE MUST'VE HEARD THE GUNSHOT.

7 11 11 GRIP

AND AS I SAID EARLIER, WE'LL BE BUYING DARK BALL FROM GOLDIE.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M NOW IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF BAILEY ENTERPRISES.

DON'T CALL HIM A CLEANER! HE'S JUST GONNA TAKE CARE OF THE POLICE. WE'LL HAVE A PROPER FUNERAL FOR MY BROTHER.

BOSS! THE CLEANER CAN BE HERE IN THIRTY MINUTES.

...AND THE MANAGER IS ONE OF OURS.

THE ROOMS HAVE GREAT SOUND-PROOF-ING...

JUST RELAX.

WE'RE ON THE TOP FLOOR IN A CORNER ROOM. THERE'S NO ONE DOWN-STAIRS, AND MY MEN ARE IN THE NEXT ROOM.

...BUT GOLDIE WILL HAVE THE OTHER ORGANI-ZATIONS UNDER HER CONTROL SOON.

THEN THEY'LL BE BACK.

THE SUPPLY MIGHT DRY UP FOR A SHORT TIME...

AL, CAN I ASSUME YOU'LL STILL BE PASSING ALONG THE SAME DRUGS AS BEFORE?

I'M SORRY.

Y-YES... OF COURSE.

WE HAVE TO HELP EACH OTHER.

IF WE CAN GET ROADBUSTER TO HELP US, WE COULD BECOME THE LARGEST BROKER IN THE AREA.

...
...

AND BECKY FARRAH?

WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, JOHN BACON?

I HAVE MY OWN CONDI-TIONS.

I'VE HEARD THAT GOLDIE HAS A SPECIAL VERSION OF DARK BALL THAT SHE HANDLES HERSELF.

I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT.

NOW YOU'RE UPPING THE TERMS?

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU PROMISED TO INTRODUCE ME TO ROAD-BUSTER IN EXCHANGE FOR MEETING WITH YOU.

YOU'LL HAVE TO SWEETEN THE DEAL.

MY DEAL WAS TO MEET WITH THE BAILEY *BROTHERS.* AS YOU CAN SEE, THAT'S CHANGED.

I JUST WANNA KNOW ITS EFFECT.

I'M NOT SAYING YOU HAVE TO GET ME THE ACTUAL PRODUCT.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GONNA WRITE A STORY ABOUT A PRODUCT THAT ISN'T ON THE MARKET AND HASN'T HURT ANYONE.

WHY WOULD YOU WANNA KNOW THAT?

AS LONG AS YOU COOPERATE WITH MY ORGANIZATION.

HMPH... WHAT-EVER.

I'LL SET IT UP FOR THIS WEEK. MAKE SURE YOU COME THROUGH.

OKAY!

KLAP

AFTER YOU'VE INTRODUCED ME TO ROADBUSTER, I GUESS I COULD PASS ON SOME GOSSIP.

THAT'S ABOUT ALL THE TIME I HAVE. I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR CALL.

IF HE DIDN'T KNOW, HE NEVER WOULD'VE MET WITH YOU.

I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE.

UHHH--

I'LL PICK THE PLACE.

ALL I WANT IS A TIME.

DON'T EVEN THINK OF DOUBLE-CROSSING ME.

YOU REALLY HAVE THIS ROADBUSTER THING UNDER CONTROL?

NO SWEAT. I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO HIM.

HIS ACTIONS WERE CRAZY, BUT HE SEEMED LUCID.

HE KILLED HIS BROTHER WITH A WELL-LAID-OUT PLAN.

IT'S NOT LIKE HE SPONTANEOUSLY KILLED A PARTNER BECAUSE HE FELT LIKE HE WAS BEING PERSECUTED.

THAT TOOK ME TOTALLY BY SURPRISE, TOO!

YEAH, RIGHT!

BUT THE DRUGS MAY HAVE HELPED THAT PERSUASION.

NORMALLY I'D THINK THAT GOLDIE PERSUADED HIM TO JOIN HER SIDE RATHER THAN BRAIN-WASHING HIM WITH DRUGS.

...THAT SHE'D STAY WITH GOLDIE AS LONG AS SHE'D LET HER.

SHE SAID THAT SHE'D COME TO THE CONCLUSION ON HER OWN...

...THAT SHE'D MISTAKEN GOLDIE SO BADLY IN THE PAST.

MISTY HATED GOLDIE, AND YET SHE'S COMPLETELY GIVEN HERSELF OVER.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT SHE'S BEEN BRAINWASHED WITH DRUGS.

...I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO BRING HER BACK. HER SELF-ESTEEM MIGHT BE TOO STRONG.

IF MISTY GOT THE SAME TREATMENT AS AL BAILEY...

I'M NOT SURE GOLDIE'S DRUG DOES SOMETHING TO OVERPOWER THAT LARGE

A NORMAL PERSON WILL SHUT YOU OUT IF YOU TRY TO DENY SOMETHING THEY BELIEVE

JUST DROP ME OFF WHERE WE MET.

SHE BRAINWASHED BEFORE BUT IT WAS MORE OBVIOUS MAYBE SHE'S JUST GOTTEN BETTER AT IT.

I HOPE BEAN CAN NEGOTIATE IT OUT OF HIM WHEN THEY MEET

IF I CAN GET A SAMPLE OF THAT SPECIAL DRUG FROM AL BAILEY, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANALYZE IT.

THEN WE JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BREAK THE POWER OF GOLDIE'S PERSUASION.

HI, RALLY!

SKREE

BU

RO

RO

RO

RO

Gunsmith Cats

HI!

BECKY.

...ABOUT THAT DRUG...

LAST NIGHT I LEARNED...

GCHAK

GLAD I CAUGHT YA HERE.

SHE CAME BACK FOR HER CAR.

MISTY! YOU'RE BACK?!

SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE MANSION.

LET'S GO OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN.

MISTY! WAIT!

...I COULDN'T JUST LET IT SIT HERE.

YOU WERE SO KIND TO SELL ME YOUR 2002...

I'LL TRY TO GET HER PERMIS-SION TO COME AGAIN.

MISS GOLDIE TOLD ME TO COME BACK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TODAY.

I'M SORRY, BECKY.

YOU CAN STAY AT MY PLACE TO-NIGHT...

AND I'LL BE YOURS. I JUST HAVE SOMEONE VERY IMPORTANT IN MY LIFE NOW.

I'LL ALWAYS BE YOUR FRIEND.

MIST-Y...

SHE DID GIVE ME A SHOT, BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE ME SLEEPY OR LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS.

IT WAS SOME KIND OF TRANQUILIZER. IT HELPED ME RELAX AND SORT THINGS OUT.

IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN BRAIN-WASHED OR ANY-THING.

UM...I WANT YOU BOTH TO UNDER-STAND.

...THAT GOLDIE WAS THE MOST REASONABLE PERSON IN THE CHICAGO MAFIA.

I THEN CAME TO THE CONCLU-SION ON MY OWN...

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO HELP HER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

UMMM

MMMM

IT'S GOOD FOR BOTH THE MAFIA AND THE CITY FOR HER TO CONTROL EVERYTHING.

RALLY! WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HER?

I SAID THE SAME THINGS YOU DID BEFORE YOU GOT HERE.

VROOM

...

A PERSON I RESPECT DEEPLY SEES ME AS NECESSARY.

PLEASE?

PLEASE, JUST LET US BE TOGETHER.

THEN WE DO OUR *OWN* BRAIN-WASHING!

BEAN'S HELPING, SO HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE IT SOME TIME THIS WEEK.

WERE YOU ABLE TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THE DRUG?

YEAH... BRAIN-WASHING...

2 QUICK
TWO WRONGS CAN MAKE A RIGHT RALLY!
POW POW POW POW POW POW POW POW
...ROAD-BUSTER!
IS THAT YOU...
YOU MUST BE AL RAILEY!
THAT'S RIGHT

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CHAPTER 43

ANYTHING BUT DRUGS

YOU'RE A DRUG BROKER.

MISS FARHAM'S TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.

I'M AL BAILEY FROM BAILEY ENTER-PRISES

IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET THE GREAT ROAD-BUSTER!

THE COPS HAVE BEEN CRACKING DOWN AND MY DELIVERY RATE HAS FALLEN TO ABOUT EIGHTY PERCENT. MY MEN ARE GOOD. BUT YOU STILL HAVE A HUNDRED PERCENT SUCCESS RATE.

A TRUE PRO HAS A COM-PLETELY DIFFERENT AURA FROM OTHERS.

BEAN BANDIT. ALSO KNOWN AS ROAD-BUSTER.

YOU'RE A SIX FOOT SIX MONSTER WHO COMPLETES A DELIVERY NO MATTER WHAT OCCURS.

A '69 'VETTE WITH A POWER BULGE ON THE HOOD.

EVEN YOUR EVERYDAY CAR IS COOL.

IT MUST BE A 454 UNIT.

IT'S GOT A BIG BLOCK AND A LARGE AIR CLEANER.

DAMN! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED THAT UNIT WITH AN IRON BUMPER!

ACTUALLY, IT'S A MODIFIED LS7.

I MEASURED IT AT 480 HP AND 618 KG PER METER.

THE LS7 IS A LOT HARDER TO HANDLE THAN THE SMOOTH LS5, AGAIN, IT JUST SHOWS HOW GOOD YOU ARE!

YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU WANT ME TO MOVE DRUGS FOR YOU.

THIS IS DRAGGING ON TOO LONG. LET'S SKIP THE PLEASANTRIES

BUT I HEAR YOU HAVE SOME OF THAT SPECIAL DRUG THAT GOLDIE MAKES.

I'M NOT REALLY HUSTLING FOR MONEY.

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD THAT I GAVE UP TRANSPORTING DRUGS SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

UNLESS THERE'S A REALLY GOOD REASON.

AND THAT IT CAN BE USED TO HELP PERSUADE PEOPLE.

I KNOW IT'S NOT FOR SALE.

...I'LL ACCEPT WORK FROM YOU.

IF YOU GET ME SOME...

WHAT'S IT GONNA TAKE TO CONVINCE YOU?

I'M THE ONE YOU HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH.

SHE'S ONLY A GO BETWEEN.

MISS FARRAH SAID I'D ONLY HAVE TO GIVE HER INFO

MMM.

RAINES!

I'M NOT COMPLETELY CONVINCED THAT YOU'RE ROAD-BUSTER.

I HAVE CONDITIONS AS WELL.

YES SIR.

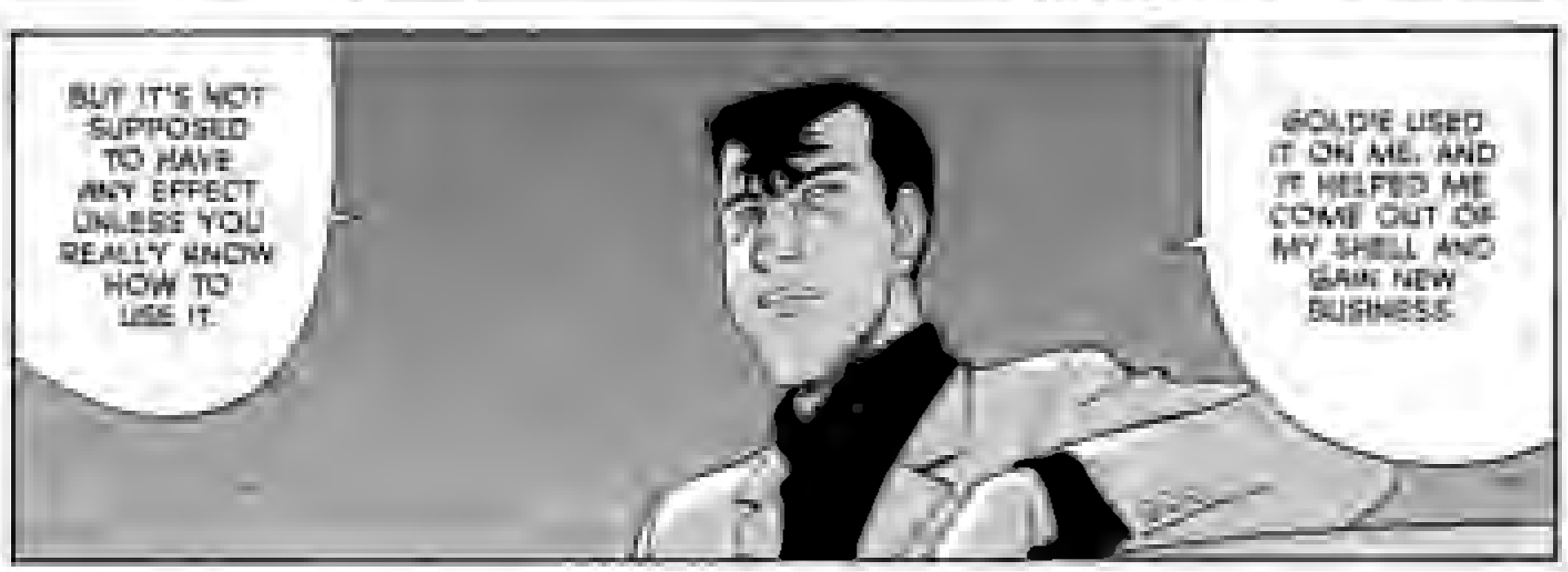
HI.

RAINES HERE IS MY BEST DRIVER. TAKE HER FOR A DRIVE AND PROVE YOU HAVE THE SKILLS.

FOOO
OUT IN!

FUGO

IF I CAN GET ROADBLISTER TO WORK FOR ME, IT'S WORTH A HIT.
BOSS. ARE YOU REALLY GONNA GIVE HIM THE DRUG?


BUT IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE ANY EFFECT UNLESS YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO USE IT.
GOLDIE USED IT ON ME. AND IT HELPED ME COME OUT OF MY SHELL AND GAIN NEW BUSINESS

ROOAR

OOOAR

VROOM

SHA

...IT'LL TAKE A LITTLE MORE THAN *THAT* TO STARTLE ME.

THREADING A NEEDLE AT 150 MPH—

VRAA

ETTI II

—COULD PULL OFF A SPIN LIKE THAT

KYUIII!

EVEN AN AMATEUR—

ZA II

SKREEE

KYU II

GOKYU

GCHAK

KLIK

—AND THE TRANS-MISSION'S BEEN GEARED SO I CAN GO BACKWARDS AT FULL SPEED.

THE REAR VENT IS OPEN...

LET ME SHOW YOU THE IMPROVE-MENTS I'VE MADE TO THIS 'VETTE.

WHAT?!

ROOOAR!!

WHAT?!

ENJOY YOUR RIDE IN REVERSE!

THIS CURVED MIRROR GIVES ME THE FIELD O' VISION I NEED!

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD AHEAD... I MEAN... BEHIND!

GRAA

AH!

WHAT'S THAT? YOU WANT *MORE* O' A THRILL?

!

TRU
GWAA
SKREEE
JUST LIKE ROWIN' A BOAT FROM THE STERN!
HOW 'BOUT IT?!
BACK AGAIN!

ZOOOSH

BEEK!

BMF

LET'S TURN AROUND AND TURN ON THE SPEED!

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!

TH-THESE TRICKS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR SKILL AS A TRANSPORTER.

FULL SPEED!

FACING FRONT!

SWPP

WAIT!

INTO TRAFFIC !!

VROOOOM

MATERIAL COURTESY OF TANAKA TORU (PRO STAFF).

KRIT

HOOROROROROO...

UMPH...

EXCEL-LENT! YOU REALLY ARE ROAD-BUSTER!

HAAA HA HA HA HA HA!

BWAAH BWAAH GADAH BWAA... GWAAAH.

RIP RIP RIP RIP RIP

...BUT LOOK AT HER AFTER THAT RIDE—

RAINES HAS MADE ME LOVE IT A FEW TIMES—

I'LL NEED THAT ITEM YOU [illegible]

LET'S DRAW UP A CONTRACT, ROAD BUSTER.

THAT WASN'T PART OF THE DEAL.

HOW DO I USE IT?

UFO

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, YOU'LL HAVE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GOLDIE'S ORGANIZATION, OR—

IT'S TOO LATE TO CHANGE THE TERMS AGAIN.

...AND IF I SAY I REALLY WANNA KNOW?

I'LL CONSIDER IT IF YOU COMPLETE THE JOBS I GIVE YOU.

GAL...?

GYU

Gunsmith Cats

GOOD JOB, BEAN!

BEAN DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. IT COULD JUST BE NORMAL DARK BALL.

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT'S THE REAL THING.

I'LL HAVE GRAMMA HAO TAKE A LOOK AT IT RIGHT AWAY.

SHE KNOWS SOMEONE WITH THE NEWEST ANALYZER AND DATA.

DON'T WORRY. IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S ALREADY ON THE STREET, SHE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL IMMEDI-ATELY.

WE SHOULD HAVE OUR ANSWER BEFORE BEAN MEETS WITH BAILEY AGAIN.

BEAN...

DRIVE SAFELY. ♡

BTAM

I'LL BE BACK SOON.

WE HAVE A CONTRACT. IF I PULL OUT, I'LL LOSE MY REPUTATION.

OF COURSE I AM!

YOU AREN'T GOING TO WORK FOR THE BAILEY ORGANI-ZATION, ARE YOU?

...IF IT TURNS OUT THE DRUG IS THE REAL THING...

I TOOK CARE OF YOUR PRIORITY, NOW LET ME DO MY WORK.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO DEAL WITH THEM AND GET MY HANDS ON THE DRUG!

OKAY. UNDER-STOOD...

I'M GOING TO TRANSPORT BAILEY'S DRUGS!

AND YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

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CHAPTER 44
HAO SHIFU

LISTEN UP, MINNIE-MAY.

醫食同源

"SIGN MEDICINE AND FOOD ARE ONE AND THE SAME

I KNOW. AND PSYCHE-DELICS LIKE LSD.

THOSE THAT STIMULATE THE SENSES..

HEALTH CARE & NATURAL FOOD

紫猫薬房

PURPLE CAT

DOWNERS LIKE HEROIN THAT MAKE YOU FEEL AS THOUGH YOU'RE IN A DREAM.

MOST DRUGS FIT INTO ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES

ARE YOU SAYING IT'S NOT A DRUG?

IT'S CLOSEST TO A DOWNER.

BUT THE ONE YOU BROUGHT LAST WEEK IS DIFFERENT.

I KNEW IT BECAUSE WE USED TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE IT A LONG TIME AGO.

PUT ANOTHER WAY, IT'S A DRUG FOR BRAIN-WASHING... OR RATHER, PERSUADING.

SHIIIPOOO

...PROVIDING A LIGHT SENSE OF HAPPINESS.

IT SLIGHTLY DULLS YOUR ABILITY TO REASON AND STRENGTHENS IMPRESSIONS OF A CONVERSATION...

I KNEW IT!

LET'S GIVE IT UP FOR MASTER HAO!

I KNEW THE BEST AUTHORITY ON CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINE IN CHINATOWN WOULD HAVE THE ANSWER!

FOOO

IT WAS MY YOUNG ASSISTANTS WHO DID THE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS AND CLINICAL TRIAL.

THAT'S THE POWER OF AN ORGANI-ZATION.

HE WAS GOING TO BE PUNISHED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

BUT HE EMBEZZLED MONEY AND PLANNED TO RUN AWAY WITH IT.

HE'S ONE OF MY MEN.

CLINICAL TRIAL? WAS IT DONE ON THAT MAN?

THE DAUGHTER IN THE PICTURE WAS FORCED TO CHANGE SCHOOLS.

HE HAD TO SELL HIS HOUSE TO FILL IN THE HOLE.

I SEE. MY EMBEZZLE-MENT CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR LEE.

I BET YOU THINK BRAINWASHING IS AS SIMPLE AS USING DRUGS OR HYPNOTISM TO MAKE SOMEONE DO AS YOU SAY.

I DID.

WHO SAID THAT?

"BRAIN-WASHING IS NOTHING MORE THAN SUCCESS-FUL PERSUA-SION."

IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

THIS ISN'T ANYTHING LIKE THE TIME YOU USED MY HERBS TO PULL YOUR PARTNER OUT OF THE DARKNESS.

IT'S JUST A MORE ADVANCED VERSION OF KERASINE AND DARK BALL THAT GOLDIE USED BEFORE.

BUT THAT'S WHAT THIS DRUG IS FOR.

USUALLY THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'VE BEEN PERSUADED, BUT THEY'VE ONLY GIVEN UP ON THE ARGUMENT OR LOST THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT BACK. THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED THE WAY THEY THINK.

IT TAKES SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY TO PERSUADE A PERSON TO TURN TO AN OPINION OR IDEOLOGY THAT THEY ARE STRONGLY AGAINST.

YES!

UNLIKE RELEASING SOMEONE UNDER THE EFFECTS OF HYPNOTISM, IT CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE AN ADULT WHILE THEY RETAIN THEIR SELF-AWARENESS.

RETAIN THEIR SELF-AWARE-NESS?

...ANYTHING THE OTHER PERSON SAYS ONLY BECOMES "FUEL FOR REBELLION" AND NOTHING IN THEIR OWN MIND CHANGES.

AS LONG AS ANY OF THOSE THOUGHTS REMAIN...

THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE! THEY NEED TO SAVE FACE...OR THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO LOSE THEIR POSITION AMONG THEIR FRIENDS.

ONCE IT'S BROKEN IT BECOMES INEFFECTIVE. THERE'S NO CONTINU-ATION, AND IT CAN'T BE CALLED BRAIN-WASHING.

SIP

PUT ANOTHER WAY, IF YOU USE A DRUG TO SUPPRESS THE SELF, IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN HYPNOTISM.

...OR WHEN AN AMERICAN CAPITALIST OR LAWYER BECOMES A COMMU-NIST...

THERE'S ACTUALLY PEOPLE LIKE THAT?

LIKE WHEN SOMEONE WHO STEALS GRADUALLY BECOMES A WORKER...

THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T SUPPRESS THE SELF TOO MUCH WHEN YOU DO IT.

...WHEN THEY CHANGE THEIR WAY OF THINKING WITH A FULL SENSE OF SELF-AWARE-NESS, IT IS NEVER SHAKEN.

IF YOU CAN GIVE THE ILLUSION THAT BEING PERSUADED IS ASSOCIATED WITH JOY, YOU CAN MAKE THEM LISTEN INTENTLY UNTIL THE VERY END.

AND YOU LISTEN TO WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY, GIVING THEM A SLIGHT SENSE OF EXCITE-MENT.

IF YOU TIME THE PERSUASION SO THIS STATEMENT COMES AT THE HEIGHT OF THEIR EXCITEMENT, THEN ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GENTLY AGREE WITH IT.

IT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO MAKE THEM SAY THAT THEY'VE CHANGED THEIR MIND.

YES!

I'M SURE MY FAMILY WILL UNDERSTAND.

I'LL MAKE LEE THE BENEFICIARY OF MY LIFE INSURANCE AND THEN KILL MYSELF IN A WAY THAT WON'T CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ANYONE.

I'LL DO IT...

BDMP ドキ BDMP ドキ…

THAT'S THE WAY TO BE A MAN!

CLAP! CLAP!

EXCEL-LENT!

CONGRATULATIONS.

...BUT ONCE EVERYONE HEARS WHAT YOU SAID, NO ONE WILL FEEL THE NEED TO MAKE YOUR FAMILY PAY FOR YOUR DEEDS.

I KNEW YOU HAD A GREAT SENSE OF RESPONSI-BILITY...

YES.

PLIP PLIP

YOU PRO-TECTED YOUR FAMILY.

USING GROUP PSYCHOLOGY, THEY ESTABLISH A NEW PERSONALITY BY PRAISING THE "NEW YOU" AT THE POINT YOU REACH A TRANCE STATE.

THE BEST EXAMPLE I CAN COME UP WITH IS THE MIND-CONTROL SEMINARS OF CULTS.

YOU'RE FACING THIS LIKE A MAN.

PLEASE... LOOK AFTER MY FAMILY, MAO.

THEN THE CULT PREPARES A NEW PERSONALITY FOR THEM AND THEY FALL RIGHT INTO IT.

PEOPLE DRAWN TO CULTS BASICALLY HATE THEMSELVES, AND THESE FEELINGS OF SELF-LOATHING ARE PUSHED TO THEIR LIMITS BY HAVING THEM VERBALLY ABUSE EACH OTHER.

IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU WATCH A SEQUEL TO A MOVIE YOU REALLY LIKED BUT THEN START TO SEE ALL THE INCONSISTENCIES. YOU START TO FEEL SEPARATED FROM THE ACTION.

STILL, IF THEY HAD ANY SENSE OF SELF-AWARENESS, ONCE THINGS COOLED DOWN, THEY'D NOTICE THAT THE ARGUMENTS DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. THE NEW SELF BEGINS TO SHAKE.

THEN IT CAN'T BE...!

WHAT? HOLD ON!

THIS TYPE OF BRAINWASHING USES A PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT, AND THUS YOU DON'T COME OUT OF THE STATE WHEN THINGS CALM DOWN.

SO THE DRUG IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN AID AND THE CONTENT OF THE PERSUASION IS MOST IMPORTANT.

YES. IF THIS MISTY GIRL HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED THIS WAY, ONLY PERSUASION WILL GET HER BACK.

YEP!

BUT...

NO, NOT FOOL-ISH.

...AND SHE'S PROBABLY PERKY AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD.

I DOUBT SHE'S A FOOLISH PERSON...

I'VE SEEN THEM IN MOVIES.

WAH! YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP GOING ON ABOUT IT.

IT'S A PYTHON WITH A SILENCER. RALLY HASN'T MADE ONE OF THESE.

TA DA!

I BET THIS WILL TEMPT RALLY.

COLT

HEY! LOOK!

GUNSHIT

SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO KICK ME IN THE BEHIND!

PLEASE!

CAN I HAVE MY CUT NOW?

I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE MONEY.

...NOW IT'S THE WHOLE UNDERSIDE.

FIRST I HAD TO CHANGE THE RADIA-TOR...

AND SHE IS A LESBIAN, JUST LIKE GOLDIE.

WELL, MAYBE A LITTLE FOOLISH.

THAT COULD KILL IT.

WHAT?! OH NO!

DON'T SAY THAT!

...THERE'S ALMOST NO CHANCE THAT SHE CAN BE BROUGHT BACK.

BUT IF SHE'S HALFWAY SMART AND A LESBIAN TO BOOT...

IF SHE'S NATURALLY FOOLISH THEN ALMOST ANYTHING COULD HAVE BROUGHT HER BACK.

...THERE ARE THREE TYPES.

THREE AGAIN?

LISTEN UP.

AMONG THE MAFIA...

MAYBE YOU'RE JUST BETTER OFF LETTING GOLDIE KEEP HER AS A PET.

GRAM-MA HAO!

SECOND IS THE "POWER" TYPE THAT EXPANDS THEIR TERRITORY THROUGH FORCE AND GETS RID OF THE COMPETITION THROUGH VIOLENT MEANS.

FIRST IS THE "MIGRANT" TYPE THAT STORMS IN TO AN AREA, CAUSES A LOT OF TROUBLE, AND THEN FLEES SOMEWHERE ELSE WHEN THINGS GET TOO HOT.

THE THIRD TYPE IS "LOCAL" MAFIA.

THEY'VE CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR US AND OUR CUSTOMERS.

THIS TYPE CAUSES UPRISINGS WHENEVER THEIR POWER IS THREATENED, WHICH IS ALL THE TIME IN THE BUSINESS.

GRAM-MA!

YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO SAY THAT GOLDIE IS A GOOD "LOCAL" TYPE AND THUS WE SHOULD JUST LET MISTY STAY!

THIS TYPE SEES THE BUSINESS AS A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT.

THEY ALWAYS CONSULT WITH OTHER ESTABLISHED FAMILIES WHEN EXPANDING THEIR BUSINESS AND TRY TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TURF WARS.

AND THINGS WERE VERY STABLE WHEN HER ORGANI-ZATION WAS AT ITS PEAK.

ONLY THE "MIGRANT" AND "POWER" ORGANI-ZATIONS HAVE BEEN SOWING CHAOS.

GOLDIE'S ORGANIZATION MADE SURE TO TALK WITH OTHER FAMILIES TO AVOID INVADING THEIR TURF.

IN MY OPINION, SHE'S NOTHING MORE THAN A BAD "POWER" TYPE!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE BECOME ONE OF HER ALLIES!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO POSITIVE TOWARDS HER?

SHE'S HONORABLE TOWARDS THOSE WHO AREN'T HER ENEMIES AND HAS A GOOD REPUTATION AS A MAFIA HEAD WHO FOLLOWS THE RULES.

BUT WE'RE ALWAYS READY TO TRUST THOSE WHO ARE HONORABLE AND DO BUSINESS WITH THEM.

MY ORGANI-ZATION MAY BE PART OF THE UNDERWORLD, BUT WE'RE NOT GANGSTERS NOR ARE WE A PART OF ANY MAFIA GROUP.

...GOLD-IE?

YOU TRUST...

WE DON'T WANT TO BE ANY-ONE'S ENEMY.

ROADBUSTER HAS A STERLING REPUTATION IN THE UNDERWORLD AS AN HONORABLE TRANSPORTER.

WE TRUST YOUR FRIENDS RALLY AND FARRAH, TOO, BECAUSE THEY'VE EARNED IT THROUGH THEIR HONEST ACTIONS.

YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT THE REST TALKING THINGS OUT AS ADULTS.

THAT'S ABOUT ALL THIS HERBAL-MEDICINE MERCHANT CAN DO!

OH, AND HERE'S A BILL FOR THE CONSULT.

ACK!

医食同源

PERSUA-SION, HUH?

Gunsmith Cats

SEEMS LIKE SHE HAD A GOOD SCRIPT.

BUT... MISTY'S GOT A GOOD HEAD ON HER SHOULDERS. EVEN IF SHE LIED, THE LONGER MISTY IS THERE, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS SHE'LL NOTICE.

IN OTHER WORDS, SHE SAT MISTY DOWN AND TOLD HER SOME-THING...

...THAT MADE HER HAPPY AND WOULD STAND UP TO SCRUTINY WHEN SHE CALMED DOWN?

WHAT ?! ROAD-BUSTER ?!

TO-NIGHT ?! WHO IS THIS?

SWIPE

THIS IS BACHA-RACH.

IT'S NOT LIKE MISTY'S BECOME OUR ENEMY!

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST ASK MISTY HERSELF.

WHAT ?!

WE'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT JUST WHAT SHE USED AS THE BASIS OF HER PERSUA-SION.

NO NEED TO SAY MORE, IS THERE, MR. "WHITE AFRO"?

LET'S JUST SAY I'M SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T APPRECIATE HIM.

THE TIME AND PLACE ARE--

LISTEN UP, BECAUSE I'M ONLY GONNA SAY THIS ONCE.

I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT WHOSE SIDE I'M ON.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT INFO?

Phone

Phone

Phone

KLAK

"GWAAN"

FFF... CHAK

HOW'D IT GO WITH THAT CRAZY COP?

"HAGGHAAK"

IT'S FUNNY HOW HE SNORTS EVERY TIME YOU SAY ROADBUSTER'S NAME.

IT'S NOT FUNNY HOW YOU'RE STABBING AL IN THE BACK.

HE ATE IT UP, ESPECIALLY WHEN I BROUGHT UP THE V-8 RACE.

PLEASE TELL ME YOU WON'T TRY AGAIN IF THEY FAIL TO GET ROAD-BUSTER.

THAT'LL HELP KEEP MY COVER IF NEWS OF THE LEAK GETS OUT.

THERE'S A LOT OF US WHO DIDN'T LIKE HOW AL TREATED BOB LIKE A TRAITOR AND KILLED HIM.

IT'S A MATTER OF PRIDE!

YOU DON'T GET IT!

WHAM!!

...BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP THIS UP JUST BECAUSE HE MADE YOU BARF.

THE OBJECTIVE MAY BE TO PUT A DENT IN HIM...

YEAH, YEAH.

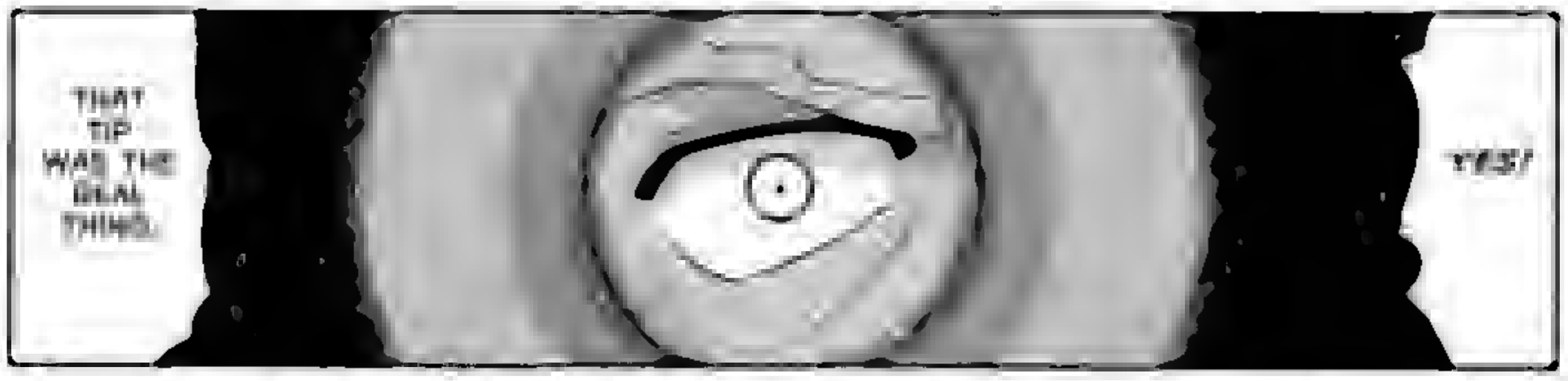
ZUOON

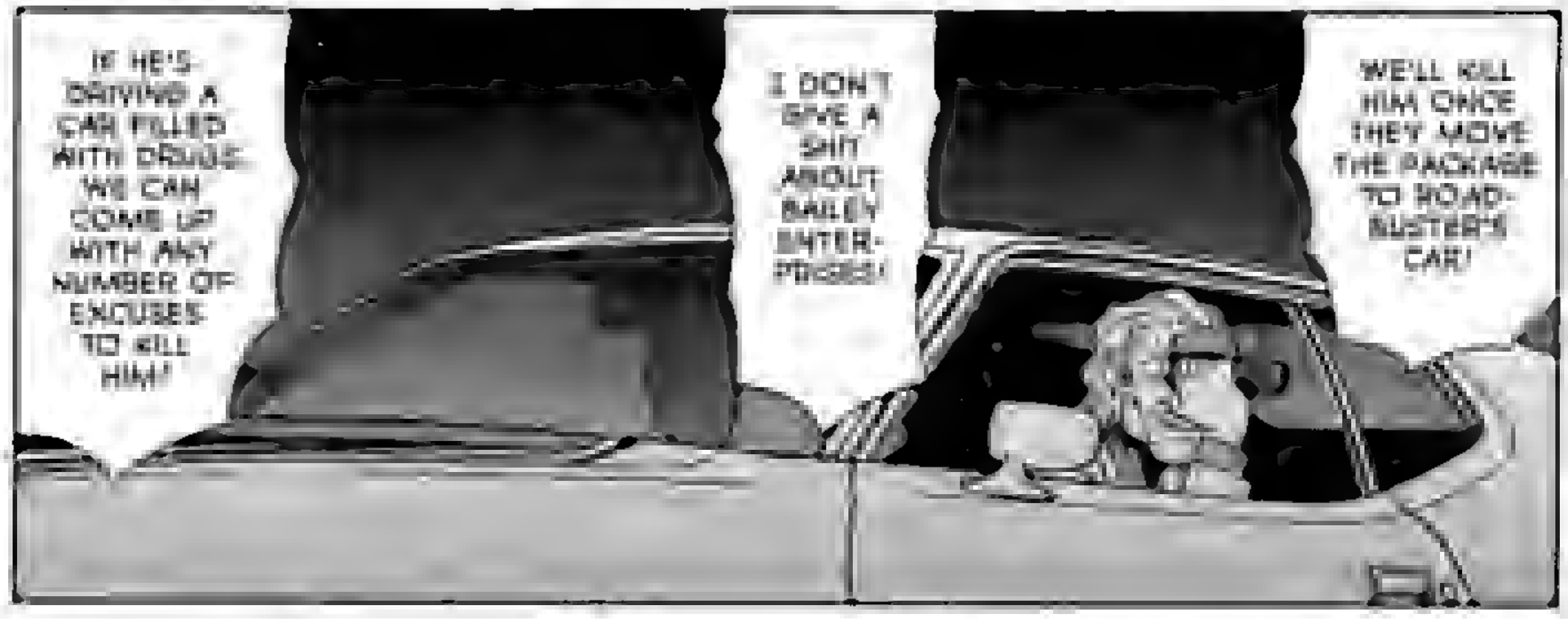
BESIDES, THERE'S A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT AREN'T AROUND ANYMORE BECAUSE OF HIM!

WHAT'S WITH THE MERCEDES? WHERE'S YOUR NORMAL CAR?

THE PACKAGE'S ARRIVED

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE MODEST BUT POWERFUL WHEELS WHEN THE CARGO'S DICEY.
VERY PRU-DENT.
THREE MIN-UTES EARLY.
YUP!
...BUT LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSI-NESS.
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE FAMOUS BUFFALO...




IF HE'S DRIVING A CAR FILLED WITH DRUGS WE CAN COME UP WITH ANY NUMBER OF EXCUSES TO KILL HIM!
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT BAILEY ENTER-PRISES!
WE'LL KILL HIM ONCE THEY MOVE THE PACKAGE TO ROAD-BUSTER'S CAR!

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CHAPTER 45

LIFT THE BAN

ALREADY PLANNED TO

GGHAK

GGHAK

JUST TO BE SAFE, BE SURE TO GO AROUND THE BLOCK ONCE ALONG THE WAY.

WE'LL DO IT NEARBY. FOLLOW ME.

I BET THEY'RE GOING TO DO THE EXCHANGE SOMEWHERE ELSE.

TELL ME SOME-THING I DON'T KNOW!

DAMN. THEY'RE ON THE MOVE.

VVROOOM

YES, SIR!

CALL FOR BACKUP.

I'LL KEEP THE HEADLIGHTS OFF UNTIL WE HIT THE ROAD.

YES, SIR.

MAKE SURE THEY SEND UNMARKED CARS... AND NO SIRENS!

THIS IS ZEBRA 6. SUSPECTS ON THE MOVE.

I'M SURE THEY'LL MIX UP THEIR ROUTE TO SEE IF THEY'RE BEING FOLLOWED.

RAINES!

RAINES.

TURN A CIRCLE TWO BLOCKS BEFORE OUR DESTINATION TO CHECK IF ANYONE'S FOLLOWING US.

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE NOT VERY HAPPY GETTING PULLED ONTO THIS JOB EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD THE NIGHT OFF.

BUT ACT LIKE A PRO AND DO THE JOB YOU'RE HERE TO DO.

OH... YES, SIR!

UNDER-STOOD.

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BU RO RO RO

7-11

VROOM

HIS SKILLS MAY NOT EXTEND PAST HIS DRIVING AND THERE'S A CHANCE HE MAY TAKE TOO MANY CHANCES

RUMORS ARE ALWAYS PRONE TO EXAGGERATION

I DON'T COMPLETELY TRUST HIM EITHER

YOU'RE THE BEST I'VE GOT

I HAD TO CHOOSE YOU AS MY DRIVER TONIGHT BECAUSE I TRUST YOU

I ALSO THINK THAT HE MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY THE POLICE AFTER WE TRANSFER THE GOODS

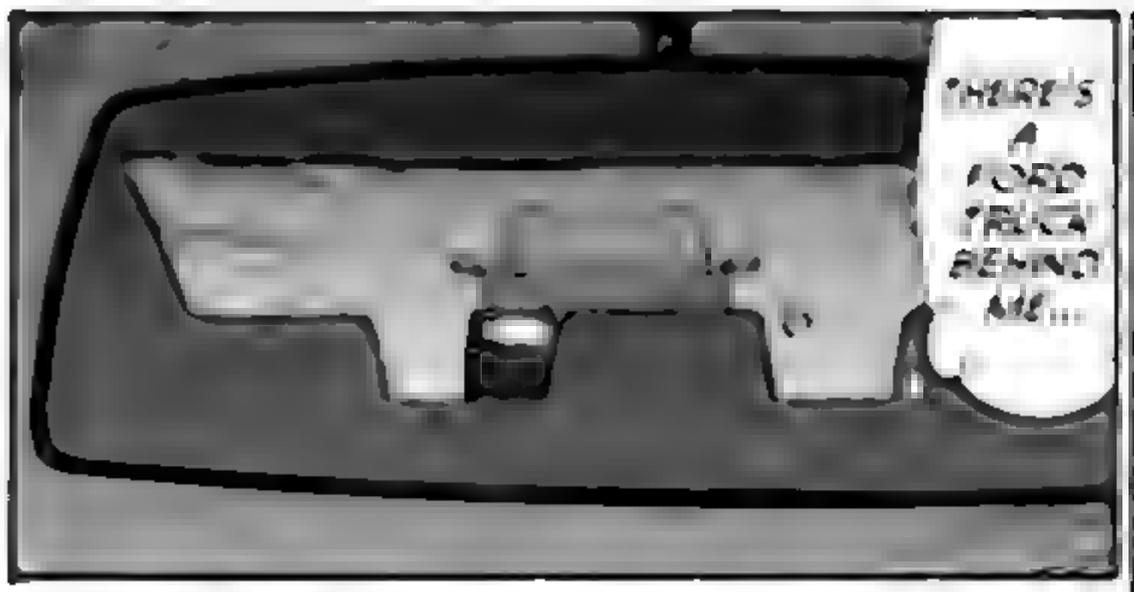
SHIT

THANK YOU, SIR...

TH-THANKS

THEY MIGHT BE ONE OF THOSE CARS BEHIND ROAD-BUSTER'S $500

IF THE COPS ARE ACTING ON MY LEAD...


THERE'S A FORD TRUCK BEHIND ME...

AND WHAT LOOKS LIKE AN OLD MUSTANG BEHIND THAT.

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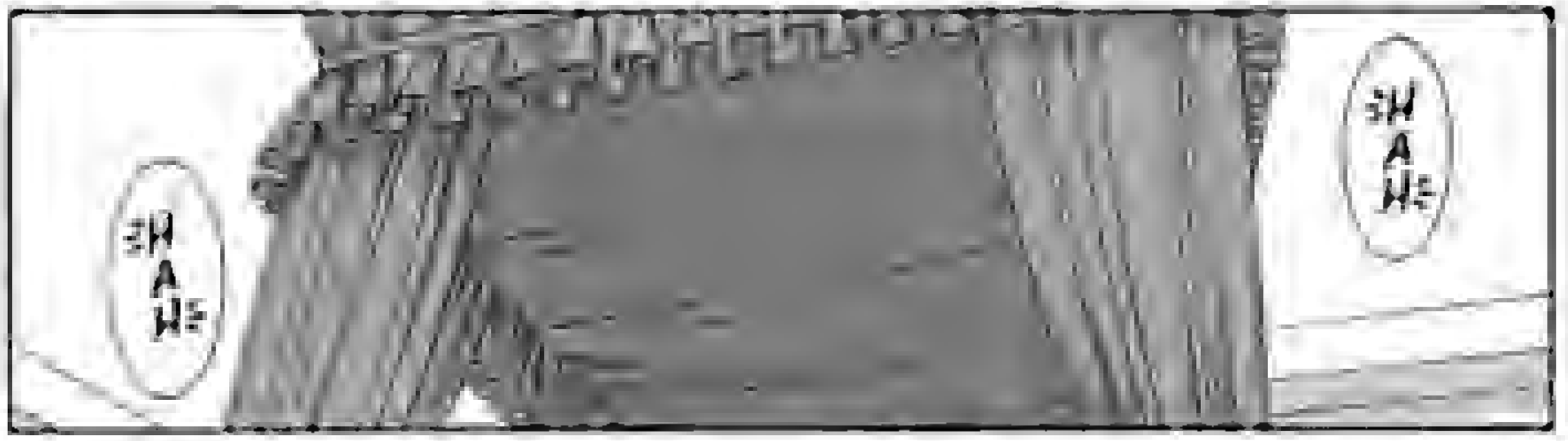
OR THAT CRAZY COP?
COULD IT BE BAILEY?
BUT HE'S A PRO IN THIS BUSINESS IS IT A DOUBLE CROSS OR A TRAP?
IF ANY INFO GOT OUT IT HAD TO BE FROM BAILEY'S SIDE.
WELL ONCE I TURN ON THE SPEED THINGS SHOULD BE OK.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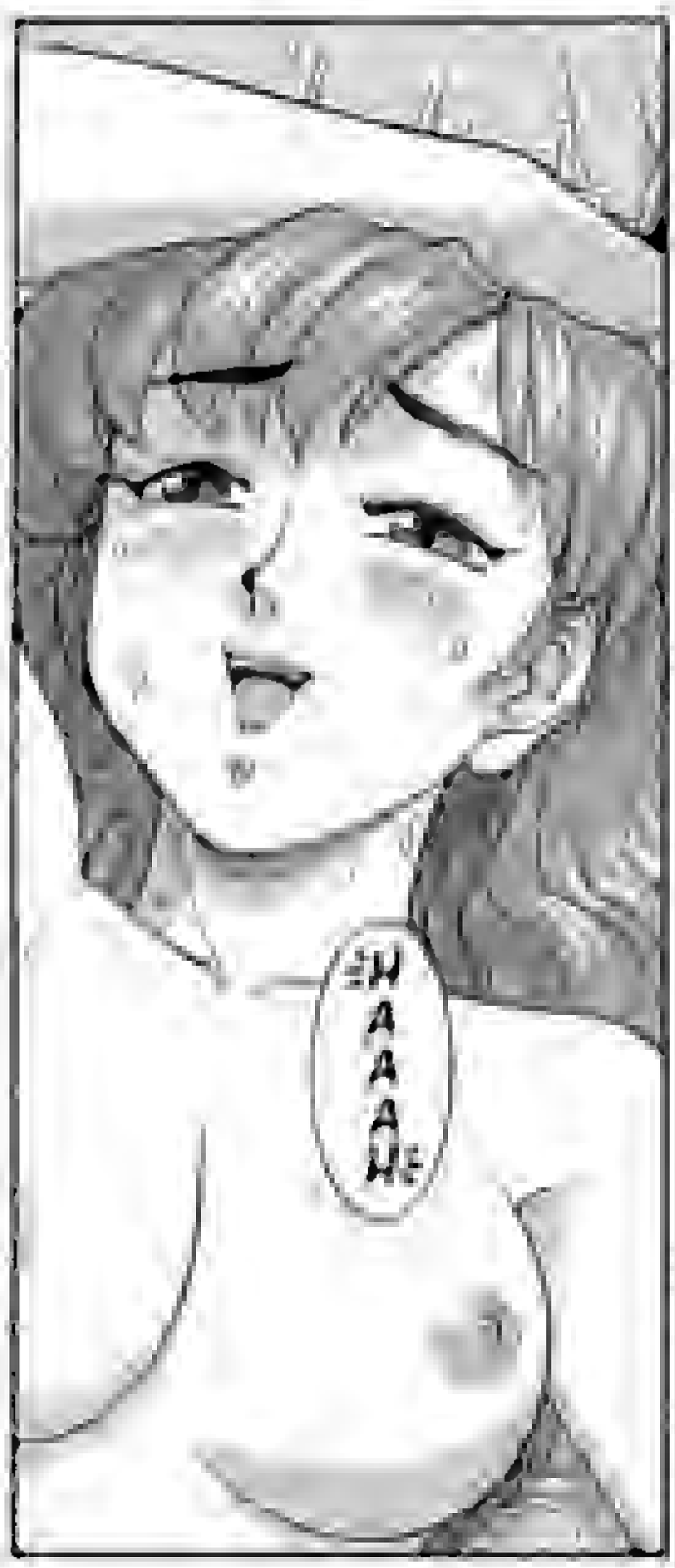
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PHEW!

HMMMM.

GIVE ONE TO MISTY.

YES, MA'AM.

I CHILLED YOUR FAVORITE GINGER ALE AND THE GLASSES.

AS YOU ASKED, MISS GOLDIE.

YES.

IS IT CHILLED?

THANK YOU, ESTE.

HERE.

SOME-THING TO PICK YOU UP, MISTY.

BRRR!

BRUSH

I'D LIKE TO REST A LITTLE FIRST.

YES, MA'AM. ♡

THEN YOU CAN BOTH COME WITH ME TO SLEEP IN MY ROOM.

MISTY AND ESTE, YOU HAVE A BATH AS WELL.

ESTE!

LOOKS LIKE I TIRED MISTY OUT. WHY DON'T YOU GET IN THE BATH FIRST.

JUST LET ME REST.

NO! LET'S SLEEP TOGETHER!

FWAP

YES, MA'AM!

OH MISTY!

HMM?

UM...

FWOP!!

SWOOSH!!

WAS IT A LITTLE TOO ROUGH?

THANK YOU, GOLDIE. ♡

LIE DOWN AND RELAX A LITTLE.

FOR RALLY, AM I?

...JUST A REPLACE-MENT...

I'M NOT...

YOU'RE YOU.

DON'T BE SILLY.

VROOM
GCHAK

OH, JUST ONE THING BEFORE I GO.
WHAT?
GCHAK
GOT IT!
I'LL LET YOU TAKE IT FROM HERE.
MY MEN WILL TAKE CARE OF THE ARRIVAL REPORT AND THE RETURN SHIPMENT. SO YOU CAN JUST CONCENTRATE ON TRANSPORTING IT.

BUT THEY WON'T STAY ON ME FOR LONG.
I MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY THE COPS ONCE I LEAVE.

AFTER THAT TRUCK BEHIND ME CONTINUED GOING STRAIGHT, THE MUSTANG BEHIND IT DIDN'T CLOSE THE GAP AT ALL.
6-G 6-G
I TOLD YOU THAT NO ONE FOLLOWED US WHEN WE CIRCLED THE BLOCK!

...AND A SUPRA FOLLOWED US THROUGH THE NEXT TWO RIGHTS. IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAD SOMEONE ON OUR TAIL FOR THE ENTIRE CIRCLE.

THEN AT THE THIRD RIGHT, IT KEPT GOING STRAIGHT...

IT KEPT FOLLOW-ING THROUGH THE SECOND RIGHT.

MAYBE IT WAS A COINCIDENCE, OR MAYBE THE MEETING WAS LEAKED.

I DOUBT THAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF THEY HADN'T KNOWN ABOUT THE MEETING AT THE WAREHOUSE.

NAW. IT WAS JUST THE MUSTANG AND THE SUPRA.

DID A THIRD CAR FOLLOW US HERE FOR THE FEW MINUTES AFTER THE CIRCLE?

IF YOU LOSE THEM, THERE WON'T BE ANY PROB-LEMS.

BESIDES, AT THIS POINT, YOUR CAR IS THE ONLY ONE WITH THE GOODS.

VROOOOOOM

YOU THINK TOO MUCH! I DOUBT THERE WAS A LEAK.

SEE YA!

LET'S HOPE SO.

S500

ZOOM

SKREECH

BRM

BBMM

PERCY. I KNEW IT.

STAY CALM UNTIL I GIVE THE SIGNAL.

YES, SIR.

RAINES, YOU BE READY TO GET US OUT OF HERE.

OUR FINGER-PRINTS AREN'T ON THE GOODS IN HIS CAR. SO THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC.

BOSS. THAT'S A DE-TECTIVE WITH THE CITY POLICE.

KEEP YOUR GUN HIDDEN BUT BE READY TO FIRE AT ANY TIME.

WHAT A COINCIDENCE THAT A DETECTIVE LIKE ME, PERCY BACHARACH, SHOULD STUMBLE UPON THIS!

WELL NOW, WHAT'S THIS? A MEETING BETWEEN ROADBUSTER AND BAILY ENTER-PRISES?!

WE SHOULD TAKE THIS CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

I HATE TO KEEP THE LARGE NUMBER OF UNMARKED CARS WAITING FOR ME OUTSIDE!

WHY DON'T YOU STICK AROUND ?!

ROAD-BUSTER!

WOOSH

I BET HE'S LYING ABOUT THE CARS OUT-SIDE.

CONSIDERING THE CARS THAT FOLLOWED US, THERE'S AT LEAST A SUPRA OUT THERE.

THAT GOES FOR ALL OF YOU IN BAILY ENTER-PRISES AS WELL!

AS A WAY OF INTRODUCING YOURSELVES, SHOW ME WHAT'S IN YOUR CARS AND TRUNKS!

KREEK

BMP

CHAK

WE JUST MET HIM! WHO KNOWS WHAT HE HAS!

SO YOU ALREADY PUT THE GOODS IN ROAD-BUSTER'S CAR.

SEE?

BOTH THE CAR AND THE TRUNK ARE EMPTY.

HMPH.

WHATEVER. GET IN WITH HIM, BAILEY.

SLAM

YOU'RE THE REASON WE GOT FOLLOWED HERE.

WITH YOUR SKILL, IT SHOULD'VE BEEN POSSIBLE.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY TO RUN BEFORE HE GOT SO CLOSE?

IF YOU CAN FIND A WAY OUT AND DELIVER THE GOODS, I'LL DOUBLE YOUR REWARD.

IF WE GIVE UP NOW, I'LL LOSE ALL OF IT.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

THAT ALL HAPPENED BEFORE I TOOK ON THE GOODS, SO IT'S HARD TO SAY YOU'VE LIVED UP TO YOUR SIDE OF THE DEAL.

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MIND THE FACT THAT I'M IN SUCH A NORMAL CAR.

DO YOU REMEMBER OUR DEAL? THE ONE FROM THE V8 RACE?

HEY!

HMMM.

OK!

YEAH!

I'M GONNA DO MY BEST TO KILL YOU. IF YOU ESCAPE, WE'RE EVEN.

IT'S ON THEN.

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CHAPTER 46

CAN'T BACK UP

DON'T MOVE!

I'M ONLY HERE BY COINCIDENCE. JUST LIKE YOU! I HAVE *NOTHING* TO DO WITH ROADBUSTER!

I'M GET-TING OUT!

SWOOSH

HE'S GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH THIS. LET HIM GO AND WE'LL HAVE FUN RACIN'!

HEY.

I THINK I'LL CALL IN MY COLLEAGUES FROM OUTSIDE AND ASK THEM TO HELP ME SEARCH THE CAR.

AND THAT YOU HIRED ROAD-BUSTER TO TRANS-PORT THEM.

MR BAILEY. I'M WELL AWARE THAT THEY'RE YOUR GOODS.

THAT MEANS YOU CAN AFFORD HIM AND STILL RAKE IN A GOOD PROFIT.

IT'S GOOD SHIT! AND THERE'S A LOT OF IT!

IF I WIN, I GET TO TAKE BOTH OF THEM IN AND GET THE DRUGS.

...I'LL LET YOU AND YOUR GOODS OFF THE HOOK AS WELL.

IF BEAN OUT-RUNS ME AND ES-CAPES...

THERE'S TWO OF THEM.

AND THERE MIGHT BE BACKUP OUTSIDE.

NOTH-ING WE CAN DO.

WHAD-DYA THINK, RAINES?

NO...

...I WAS THINKING MORE ABOUT THE *LEAK.*

WE CAN HANDLE ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS LATER IF THEY DON'T SHUT THIS DOWN HERE AND NOW.

WE CAN'T KILL A COP WITHOUT ORDERS FROM THE BOSS.

YOU'RE TALKING AS IF YOU ALREADY HAD INFO THAT WE WERE DOING A DRUG DEAL TONIGHT.

YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS GONNA LET BAILEY ENTERPRISES OFF THAT EASY, DID YOU?

NOW, NOW. BACK IN THE CAR.

NOW! LET'S START THIS VERY HIGH STAKES RACE!

I KNOW EVERY-THING!

DOG 3. THIS IS ZEBRA 6...

YES, SIR!

DICK! CALL OUR GUYS IN THE SUPRA!

TELL THEM TO DRIVE AROUND THE BLOCK TO LOOK FOR ANYONE SUSPICIOUS!

THAT'S A GOOD BOY.

OK, OK! UNDER-STOOD!

LET'S GO! I'LL GIVE YOU A 5 SECOND HEAD START!

THAT SHOULD GIVE US TWO MINUTES TO GET OUT UNNO-TICED!

THE CHIEF SAID TO HELP HIM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE STUCK WORKING FOR BACHA-RACH

UN-BELIEV-ABLE

WE'RE COPS AND HE'S THE CHIEF.

WE HAVE A DUTY TO DO WHAT HE SAYS.

WE JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME.

...IT MIGHT EVEN BE ROAD-BUSTER.

THE CAR THE DETECTIVE HAD US FOLLOW...

HE'S DANGER-OUS!

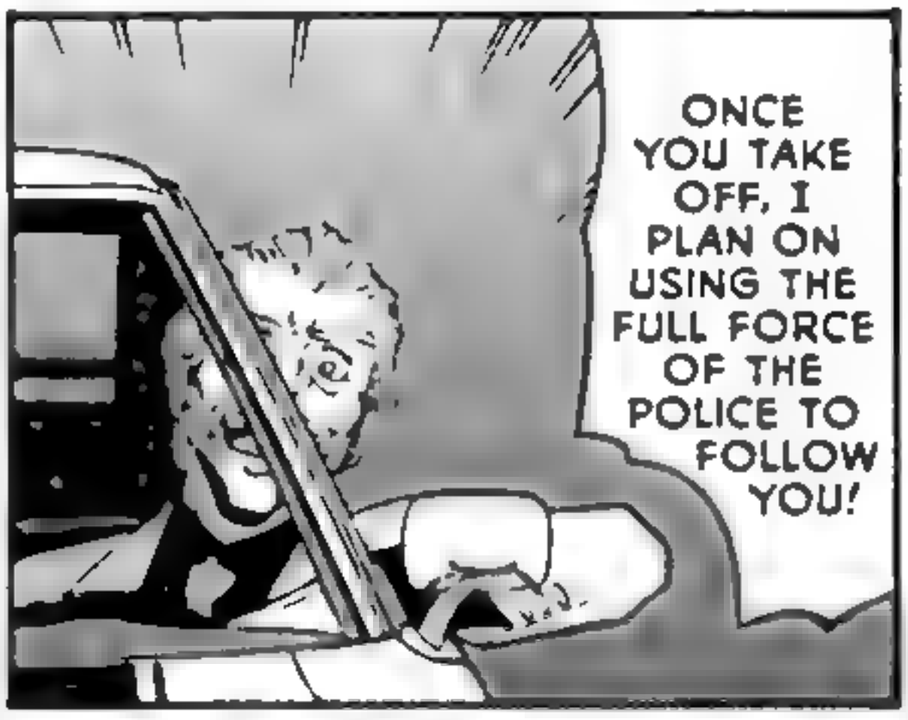
IT'S HIM. WE SHOULD JUST CALL HEADQUARTERS AND PRETEND OUR ENGINE BROKE DOWN.

WOOSH

DURORORORO

I'D PREFER IT IF YOU'D JUST FIND A PLACE ALONG THE WAY TO LET ME OUT.
DURORORO
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE SITUATION. I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU JUST LEAVE EVERY-THING UP TO ME.

YOU CAN TAKE WHATEVER ROUTE YOU WANT, BUT I CAN'T MAKE THE RACE TOO FAIR!
I'LL TELL THEM BAILEY'S AN INNOCENT HOSTAGE TO KEEP THEM FROM SHOOT-ING!


ONCE YOU TAKE OFF, I PLAN ON USING THE FULL FORCE OF THE POLICE TO FOLLOW YOU!

NAW, HE'S KINDA FUN.
I'VE HEARD OF THIS PERCY BACHARACH BEFORE. HE REALLY IS BATSHIT CRAZY.

ONCE THE RACE STARTS, THE COPS ARE GONNA BE EVERY-WHERE.
OUR BOSS IS LIKE A HOSTAGE.
HEY! AREN'T WE GONNA FOLLOW THEM?

GOT IT!

THE GOAL IS THE STATE BORDER, ROAD-BUSTER!

WE KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HEADED

ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR THE BOSS TO CONTACT US

VRROOM

SKREEEE

DON'T WORRY! THE CAR IS AR-MORED!

WHAT IF WE GET CAUGHT IN A SWARM OF BULLETS RIGHT OUTSIDE?

BRRROOM

SKREEEECH

THOSE WHO AGREE WITH THE CONTRACT, PLEASE LEAVE THE PAPERS ON THE TABLE.

WELL, THEN...

FLAP FLAP

FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP

FLAP FLAP

THOSE WHO DON'T WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CARTEL.

I SEE MOST OF YOU AGREE.

...YOU WILL NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO MY PROD-UCTS.

THIS ALSO MEANS...

JUST SO YOU UNDER-STAND.

YOU AND SAKINEN ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO STILL THINK THAT WAY.

BRO-MAN!

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL OF YOU?! ARE YOU SCARED THAT GOLDIE'S BRAINWASHED ALL OF YOUR MEN LIKE LAST TIME?!

LAST MONTH NO ONE WAS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THIS PLAN!

WHAT DID YOU *DO?*

THEY'RE ADDICTIVE BUT NOT HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH. THAT'S THE PERFECT COMBO FOR BIG SALES.

GOLDIE MUSOU'S PRODUCTS ARE THE BEST THERE ARE.

PLUS GOLDIE'S ORGANI-ZATION WON'T BE WHOLE-SALING DIRECTLY TO THE MARKET.

AT THE SAME PRICE AND VOLUME TO EVERY-ONE.

THIS PRODUCT IS MORE PROFITABLE THAN DARK BALL, AND IT WILL ONLY BE SOLD TO MEMBERS OF THIS CARTEL.

THE KERASINE 2 WE USED TO GET FROM GOLDIE WAS ALSO A VERY GOOD PROD-UCT.

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT THIS GENER-OUS OFFER.

WE'VE HAD TWO MAJOR DRUG ROUTES SMASHED BY THE COPS RECENTLY. WE'RE DESPERATE FOR PRODUCT.

THERE'S QUITE A FEW OF US WHO OWE OUR CURRENT POSITION TO THOSE PRODUCTS.

AND THE POWER BALL FROM THAT TIME WAS ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR BRAINWASH-ING.

SHE KNOWS NOTH-ING ABOUT HONOR!

AND MR. HARMEN, THE MAN WHO TOOK CARE OF US DURING THAT TIME, WAS KILLED JUST TWO MONTHS AGO!

BUT WE TREATED HER AS GOOD AS DEAD JUST SIX MONTHS AGO!

AND THE GUY WHO ENGINEERED THE WHOLE THING IS NOW IN CHARGE OF THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION.

ALL THANKS TO SOME NEW BRAIN-WASHING DRUG, I'M SURE!

YOU KNOW THAT HARMEN WAS KILLED BY HIS OWN MAN AS PART OF AN INTERNAL COUP.

SAK-INEN.

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE CARTEL.

...THERE'S LESS FIGHTING, AND THEY'VE STOPPED TRYING TO MUSCLE IN ON TERRITORY.

BUT NOW THAT THE HARMEN ORGANI-ZATION IS A PART OF GOLD-IE'S...

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT THE CARTEL, BE MY GUEST.

WE NEED TO BAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT OUT OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS TRYING TO MUSCLE IN.

YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING.

...

...

TO MANY THINGS.

LET'S JUST SAY MY EYES WERE OPENED.

I KNOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW DRUG HELPED...BUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, MISS MUSOU?

OK.

YES.

CAN I ASSUME YOU NOW AGREE TO THE TERMS?

BROMAN, SAKINEN!

GOOD WORK, MISS GOLDIE.

YES, MA'AM.

TELL ME IN THE ELEVA-TOR.

I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM.

I HAVE NEWS ABOUT THAT SPECIAL PRODUCT.

BOSS.

I THOUGHT WE ONLY GAVE HIM A FEW DOSES.

I DON'T SEE WHY BEAN BANDIT WOULD WANT ANY.

THE GOODS ARE NORMAL DRUGS WE SUPPLIED. BUT HE DID GIVE SOME OF THE SPECIAL PRODUCT TO BEAN.

BAILEY ENTERPRISES HAS CONTRACTED BEAN BANDIT TO TRANSPORT DRUGS FOR THEM TONIGHT.

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH A LOT CHANGED WHEN AL KILLED HIS BROTHER LAST WEEK.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT BEAN.

I NEED MORE INFO ON AL BAILEY.

YES, MA'AM.

B3 B2 B1 L 1 2 3 4 5 6

I GUESS WE SHOULDN'T HAVE PROVIDED HIM WITH ANY MORE OF IT EVEN THOUGH HE'D DEVELOPED A DEPENDENCY.

THE PERSUASION WORKED A LITTLE TOO WELL, AND NOW HE'S TURNED TOO ECCENTRIC.

I SEE.

I GAVE AL BAILEY QUITE A FEW SHOTS WHEN WE WERE TESTING THE DRUG.

VROOOOM

SWOOSH

WHADDYA THINK?! IT MAY LOOK LIKE A NORMAL CAR, BUT SHE'S SPECIAL UNDER THE HOOD!

I GET IT, I GET IT. DON'T GET TOO EXCITED. REMEMBER, I'M HERE, TOO.

TRY TO FIND A PLACE TO DROP ME OFF BEFORE THINGS GET TOO HOT!

GETTING TO THE STATE LINE SHOULDN'T BE ANY TROUBLE!

YOU'RE ROAD-BUSTER, AREN'T YOU?

MIGHT AS WELL SETTLE IN FOR THE RIDE!

PERCY'S RIGHT ON OUR ASS! THERE'S NO TIME!

I BET HE EVEN TOLD HEADQUARTERS YOU'RE AN ACCOMPLICE, NOT A HOSTAGE!

WHAT ?!

HE PLAYS *DIRTY!* HE'LL *LIE* AND *CHEAT* TO KILL ME!

DOG 3! BE SURE TO KEEP UP!

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE HE'S CARRYING DRUGS!

THIS IS ZEBRA 6! ROAD-BUSTER'S FOLLOWING THE RIVER SOUTH OUT OF THE CITY!

HE PROBABLY PICKED UP ON THE LACK OF ENTHUSI-ASM IN YOUR VOICE OVER THE RADIO.

HOW'D HE KNOW ?!

SHIT!

I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH TRYING TO PRETEND YOU HAD ENGINE TROUBLE!

THE MOST IMPOR-TANT THING TO HIM IS HIM-SELF.

IF HE WANTS YOU SO BADLY, WHY DIDN'T HE JUST OPEN FIRE IN THE GARAGE?

IF WE'RE ON THE ROAD...

PLUS THERE ARE SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE GARAGE. HE WOULD'VE BEEN CAUGHT ON TAPE.

IT WOULD'VE BEEN TWO AGAINST FOUR IN A SHOOT OUT.

...THERE'S NO RECORD OF WHAT HAPPENED.

ROOOAR

AND IF THE VICTIM IS AN OUTLAW LIKE ME, NO ONE'S GONNA LOOK INTO IT TOO HARD.

IF HE ERASES THE MEMORY IN THE PATROL CAR CAMERA, HE CAN SAY WHATEVER HE WANTS.

SKR-APE

HONNK

LOOK OUT!

SHIT!

SKREE-!

WOOSH

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KLAANG

DETEC-TIVE PERCY! THERE'S NOT ENOUGH --!

THE MIR-ROR!

ROOAAR

SLAM

THUD

DOG 3!

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